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An Epistle

TO THE CATHOLIC READER

CONCERNING THE GREAT BENEFIT OF READING THE MARTYROLOGY.

Courteous Reader,

S. John, in the two last chapters of his mystical book, commonly called his Apocalypse, or Revelation, makes mention of a glorious city, which he calls the New Jerusalem, which he says he saw coming down out of heaven from God, and the angel that showed him this city, told him it was the spouse of the Lamb. (chap. xxi. ver. 9.) So as none can doubt, but that by this city is mystically represented the Church militant upon earth, which came down from heaven from Almighty God, and which alone is the true spouse of Christ, the Lamb of God. Amongst other things which the apostolical prophet saw in this city, was a tree of life, which, he says, brought forth twelve kinds of fruits, corresponding to the twelve months of the year, and the leaves of it were the health of nations. (xxii. 2.) *Lignum vitæ, afferens fructus duodecim, per menses*

singulos reddens fructum suum, et folia ligni ad sanitatem gentium. A fit emblem, methinks this is of the Roman Martyrology or Calendar of Saints; a true tree of life, whose fruits whosoever eats and solidly digests, shall undoubtedly live for ever. *Lignum vitæ afferens fructus duodecim;* a tree of life, which brings forth twelve spiritual fruits to all that devoutly and attentively read it, only the dissimilitude betwixt our tree of life and that which the holy apostle saw, will stand in this, that ours brings forth every day all the twelve months of the year twelve several and distinct fruits; that also of S. John brought forth twelve different fruits answerable to the months of the year, but only each month one. *Et folia ligni ad sanitatem gentium.* Not a leaf of this holy Martyrology, this true tree of life, but is, if rightly applied, eternal health to all countries and people.

I confess to one that cursorily or merely out of curiosity shall read not one leaf alone of this little book, but every leaf of it from the beginning to the end, (however others may esteem it a tree of life in the midst of the Paradise of God,) to him it will seem like the vine in the winter season, a fruitless, sapless stick, a barren, dry story. But one that shall leisurely and devoutly, with some short reflection, read but only so much as corresponds to any one day in the year, that is one page of it, will easily gather twelve spiritual fruits, or more, from those few lines devoutly

read, and leisurely ruminated by him. I will point out some few of them.

Take for example the first day of January; the same, or something better, or equivalent may be said of every day in the year. First of all, then, from the first period, the Circumcision of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c. I infer, nothing is more equitable and congruous, than that I should very early consecrate myself wholly to the love and service of my Lord and Saviour Jesus, though it cost me pain and difficulty, seeing He for my sake, not yet full eight days old, would endure both the ignominy and dolour of a bloody circumcision. Secondly, Reading in the next place how S. Almachus, with a Christian confidence, sharply reprehended the superstitious worshippers of blockish idols, although it cost him his life, I reflect how much rather am I obliged to cast away all human respects, when God Almighty requires I should, either by word or deed, bear witness against the unchristian behaviour of those with whom I live and converse, though it cost me a frown or less friendly look. *Amicus Socrates, amicus Plato, sed magi samica veritas.* This man is my friend, and the other is my friend too, but there is something dearer to me than either of them both, the truth of God and the law of God. Thirdly, I go on and read how thirty holy soldiers suffered martyrdom under the emperor Dioclesian; and here I am confounded that a company of rude soldiers should be willing even to die for Christ, and that I, after all my brags of

my noble birth and civil education, can hardly persuade myself to live as becomes a good Catholic, for the sake of the same Christ. But fourthly, Reading further, and meeting with S. Martina with the triumphant palm of martyrdom in her hand, and this obtained by suffering divers kinds of torments, methinks I am wholly abashed and ashamed. What! can a tender, delicate virgin courageously look death and a thousand torments in the face for Christ, retaining nothing of her feeble sex but the very name, and I, effeminate man, womanishly tremble and screech out at every difficulty that occurs in the service of the same Christ? Hereafter, in like occasions, I will think I hear the great apostle from heaven admonishing me and all pusillanimous Christians, *Nondum usque ad sanguinem restitistis.* For shame, do not fly back in the way of virtue for such a petty difficulty as this *Nondum usque ad sanguinem, &c.* You have not yet resisted unto blood. This is not, with St. Martina, by unheard-of torments to die for God. Fifthly, Reading forwards, I meet with S. Concordius, first beaten with clubs, then racked upon the torture *Equuleus,* and afterwards almost famished in prison, and finally ending his life by the sword. I infer hence, that so long as I am in this world, until I come happily to go to rest in our Lord, I am to expect nothing but suffering after suffering, temptation after temptation, and one labour after another; and happy sufferings, temptations, and labours, if I can pass through them all to the glory and honour of

Christ! It was S. Concordius's glory that he was cudgelled, racked, imprisoned, and finally killed for Christ: and it will be mine if this day, or this week, or this month I overcome, not one difficulty alone, but this, and that, and the other difficulty in the practice of virtue for the same Christ. Nor must I soothe myself up with a vain hope, that when this difficulty is past, I shall never meet with more; but I must always be expecting new and fresh difficulties and temptations, all which, by the assistance of God's grace, I must vanquish courageously, if I ever hope to be crowned gloriously. Sixthly, In the commemoration of S. Magnus, finding no particular signification of his torments, but only in general that he was a martyr, I will make this reflection: although I be not conscious to myself of any extraordinary mortifications and austerities, I will not for this cast away my hopes of life everlasting: can it but with truth be said of me that I lived and died a good virtuous Catholic, this is a sufficient title to heaven. But reading on further, and meeting with a long list of mere confessors, who though they were denied the happy privilege of dying for God, yet did they not for this fall short of the crown of eternal life. I will, seventhly, gather hence for my comfort, I may be a true heir of the kingdom of heaven, provided that I have faithfully laboured in that state of life in which God has placed me, although I have not been so happy to suffer either death, or wounds, or blows for Christ. Eighthly, From

the honourable commemoration of S. Odilo, abbot of Cluni, singularly taken notice of for giving occasion to the Catholic Church to depute the next day after the feast of All Saints, to the relief of all faithful souls departed, I infer—if I desire to be of happy, and not of accursed memory to posterity, I must be far from being the first beginner of an impious or less Christian practice in the place where I live, but I must rather endeavour to be the first author of some particular pious practice conformable to the general doctrine and practice of God's Church. For example, can I make it as common in every Catholic family, as it is in every religious community, devoutly every day to read the holy Martyrology, I shall deserve of all posterity never to be named without a benediction. Many other fruits, which to avoid tediousness I omit, the devout reader will easily gather by reading what is proper to every day in this little book; and this, if he read it only by way of a spiritual lesson for his own instruction. But if he read it, as methinks it ought to be read, and as the Church seems to read it, when she makes it every day part of the Divine Office, not only to inform himself of his duty, but also to honour God and His saints by it, each day's reading will not only be an excellent spiritual lecture, but also an incomparable hymn of the praises of God and His saints. For how can we honour the saints more, or praise them higher, than by every day devoutly commemorating their indefatigable labours and painful suf-

ferings, their holy lives and happy deaths for God? Neither can we easily praise God better than by joyfully remembering the heroical deeds and sufferings of His saints for Him, in which, although to their honour as instruments, they did co-operate, yet He by His holy grace was the prime actor and author of all. Whence we may draw another motive to incite us to the daily devout reading of the holy Martyrology: to wit, that hereby praising God and His saints every day, we shall not a little engage both God Himself and all the saints of each day, in a special manner to assist us both the present day and also on the day we shall come to die. I conclude all with what I find in the brief of His Holiness Gregory XIII. concerning the reading of the Martyrology; in which the pious Pope having commemorated the three great ends of reading this sacred book, to wit, God's glory and the honour of His saints, and the edification of those that read it, supposing the constant practice of those who keep choir, he counsels the reading of the same to all who recite the Divine Office even privately, in the following words: *Quod quidem magnopere cuperemus ut omnes facere vellent:* which that all would do [that is, read the holy Martyrology] we most earnestly desire. Nay, and the more efficaciously to induce every one to so holy a practice, he permits: *Habet sanctorum Innocentiæ, &c.* The commemoration of the innocency, charity, fortitude, and other virtues of saints, has a strange stimulating virtue, by which we are then most of all

incited and moved, when by having their examples proposed unto us, we come to acknowledge our own slothfulness; and begin to think how far short we come of their perfections and praises. In fine, every one's experience who shall every day devoutly read what corresponds to each day in the holy Martyrology, will prove all, and much more than what has been said, to be most true. Only I desire the reader should take notice, that the clause in the end of the Martyrology, *to whose prayers and merits we humbly commend ourselves*, is not in the Latin, but finding it in the former edition, and it being in substance what the Church uses every day after the reading of the Martyrology in the choir, to wit, Sancta Maria, &c. Holy Mary and all the saints, be pleased to intercede for us to our Lord, I thought good to let it alone, and put it in a different character. The Rubrics, as proper only to the choir, I have left out. Farewell, devout reader, and remember me in thy holy prayers to God and His saints.

THE MOVEABLE FEASTS

Could not be put in the Martyrology, for that they are changed every year, wherefore they are put in this place, to the end they may be read immediately after the naming of the day of the month and moon, and before the Martyrology of that day, upon which they are to be celebrated.

On Saturday before Septuagesima Sunday.

The Sunday called Septuagesima, on which the Church ceases to say the canticle of our Lord, Alleluia, until Easter.

On Tuesday after Quinquagesima Sunday.

Ash-Wednesday, and the beginning of the most holy fast of Lent.

On Saturday before Palm-Sunday.

Palm-Sunday, when our Lord Jesus Christ, according to the prophecy of Zachary, entered into Jerusalem, sitting upon the foal of an ass, the people coming out to meet Him with boughs of Palm.

On Wednesday in Holy Week.

The supper of our Lord, when Christ Jesus, the day before he was crucified for our salvation, delivered to His disciples the mysteries of His Body and Blood to be celebrated.

On Easter-day, before the reading of the day of the Month.

On this day which our Lord has made, is the Solemnity of Solemnities, and our Easter: the Resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to the flesh.

And afterwards is read the day of the month, and the Martyrology of the day following.

On the Eve of the Ascension.

Upon Mount Olivet, the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the Eve of Pentecost, or Whit-Sunday.

The day of Pentecost, when the Holy Ghost came upon the disciples in the form of fiery tongues at Jerusalem.

On Saturday within the Octave of Pentecost.

The Feast of the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity.

On Wednesday after the Octave of Pentecost.

The Feast of the most Sacred Body of Christ, instituted by Urban IV.

THE

Roman Martyrology;

ACCOMMODATED TO EVERY DAY IN THE YEAR, ACCORDING TO THE NEW ACCOUNT OF THE CALENDAR.

January.

A *The First Day.*

The Circumcision of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Octave of His Nativity. At Rome, of S. Almachus, martyr, who, by the command of Alypius, governor of the city, for saying, "This is the octave of our Lord's birth, give over your superstitious worshipping of idols, and abstain from your unclean sacrifices," was killed by the gladiators or fencers at sharp. At Rome also, in the way called Appia, the crowning with martyrdom of thirty holy soldiers, under Dioclesian the emperor. Moreover at Rome, of S. Martina, virgin, who, under Alexander the emperor, having endured divers kinds of torments, at length obtained the triumphant palm of martyrdom by the sword. Her feast notwithstanding, by the order of Urban VIII., is kept upon the thirtieth

of this month. At Spoletum, of S. Concordius, priest and martyr, who under Antoninus the emperor, being first beaten with clubs, then put upon the rack called *Equuleus*, afterwards almost ramished in prison, and there, comforted by an angel, finally ended his life by the sword. The same day of S. Magnus, martyr. At Cæsarea in Cappadocia, the deposition of S. Basil, bishop, whose chief feast is kept upon the fourteenth of June, on which day he was ordained bishop. In Africa of S. Fulgentius, bishop of Ruspa,* who in the persecution of the Vandals suffered much for the Catholic faith, and for his great learning, by the Arians was banished into the isle of Sardinia; but afterward permitted to return to his bishopric, renowned for his life and preaching, made a holy end. In the territory of Lyons, in the monastery of S. Claude upon the Mount Jura,† of S. Eugendus, abbot, whose life was eminent for virtues and miracles. At Souvigny,‡ of S. Odilo, abbot of Cluni, who first commanded that the commemoration of all souls should be kept in his monasteries the next day after the feast of All Saints: which custom was afterwards received and approved by the whole Church. At Alexandria the deposition of S. Euphrosina, virgin, who in her monastery was renowned for the virtue of abstinence, and miracles.

¶ And in other places, of many other holy martyrs, and confessors, and holy virgins,

* Now called Alphaques. † Jurense. ‡ Silviniac.

To whose prayers and merits we humbly commend ourselves. ℟. Thanks be to God.

In this manner the reading of the Martyrology is always to end.

B *The Second Day,*

THE octave of S. Stephen the protomartyr. At Rome, the commemoration of many holy martyrs, who contemning the edict made by Dioclesian the emperor, commanding, that such as had any sacred books should deliver them up, made choice rather to deliver their bodies to the executioners, than to give holy things to dogs. At Antioch, the passion of Blessed Isidore, bishop. At Pomis, in Pontus, of three holy brethren, Argeus, Narcissus, and Marcellinus, a youth who, being taken among the new soldiers, and refusing to serve, was, under Licinius the emperor, beaten almost to death, and for a long time starved in prison, at last drowned in the sea, finished his martyrdom; but his two brethren were beheaded. At Milan, of S. Martinian, bishop. At Nitria, in Egypt, of blessed Isidore, bishop and confessor. The same day, of S. Siridon, bishop. In Thebais of S. Macarius of Alexandria, abbot.

C *The Third Day.*

THE octave of S. John, the apostle and evangelist. At Rome, in the way called Appia, the birth-day of S. Anterus, Pope, who suffered under

Julius Maximinus, and was buried in the churchyard of Callistus. The same day, of S. Peter, who at Aulane was crucified. In Hellespont, of the holy martyrs Cirinus, Primus, and Theogenes. At Cæsarea in Cappadocia, of S. Gordius, a centurion, in whose praise is extant an excellent oration made by S. Basil the Great, upon his festival day. In Cilicia, of the holy martyrs Zosimus, Athanasius, a notary, Theopemptus, and Theonas, who suffered a famous martyrdom in the persecution of Dioclesian. At Padua, of S. Daniel, martyr. At Vienna in France, of S. Florence, bishop, who in the time of Gallienus the emperor was banished, and there ended his martyrdom. At Paris, of S. Genevieve, virgin, who, consecrated to Christ by S. German, bishop of Auxerre,* was famous for her wonderful virtues, and miracles.

D *The Fourth Day.*

THE octave of the holy Innocents. In Candia,† the birth-day of S. Titus, who by S. Paul the apostle was ordained bishop of that place; where, after he had faithfully performed his office of preaching, he made a holy end, and was buried in the church where by the blessed apostle he had been made bishop. At Rome, of the holy martyrs Priscus, priest, and Priscillian, clerk, and of Benedicta, a religious woman, who in the reign of the most wicked Julian were martyred

* Autisiodorum. † Creta.

by the sword. Also at Rome, of blessed Dafrosa, wife to S. Flavian, martyr, who after the killing of her husband, being first banished, was lastly under the said prince beheaded. At Bolonia, of the Saints Hermes, Aggæus, and Caius, martyrs, who suffered under Maximian the emperor. At Adrumetum,* in Africa, the commemoration of S. Manilus, martyr, who in the persecution of Severus the emperor, being by Scapula, a most cruel judge, condemned to be devoured of beasts, received a crown of martyrdom. Moreover, in Africa, of the most famous martyrs Aquilinus, Geminus, Eugenius, Marcian, Quinctus, Theodotus, and Triphon. At Langres,† of S. Gregory, bishop, famous for miracles. At Rheims in France, of S. Rigobertus, bishop and confessor.

E *The Fifth Day.*

THE vigil of the Epiphany of our Lord. At Rome, of S. Telesphorus, Pope, who under Antoninus Pius, after many labours obtained a glorious martyrdom for the confession of Christ. In Egypt, the commemoration of many holy martyrs, who in the persecution of Dioclesian were killed in Thebais by divers kinds of torments. At Antioch, of S. Simeon, monk, who lived many years standing on a pillar, and was thence surnamed Stylites, whose life and conversation was wonderful. In England, of S. Edward, king,

* Now called Mahometa. † Lingonæ.

renowned for the virtue of chastity and grace of miracles. At Alexandria, of S. Syncletica, whose famous acts S. Athanasius hath left written. At Rome, of S. Æmilianæ, virgin, aunt to S. Gregory, pope, who being called unto God by her sister Tharsilla, before departed, went this day to our Lord. The same day, of S. Apollinaris, virgin.

F *The Sixth Day.*

The Epiphany of our Lord. In the territory of Rheims, the Passion of S. Macra, virgin, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, by the command of Rictionarus, governor, having been cast headlong into the fire, and receiving no hurt, had her breasts cut off, and afterwards afflicted with a loathsome imprisonment, having been also rolled up and down upon sharp potsherds and burning coals, in prayer departed to our Lord. In Africa, the commemoration of many holy martyrs, who in the persecution of Severus, tied to a stake, were consumed with fire. At Rennes* in France, of S. Melanius, bishop and confessor, who after innumerable signs of his virtues, having his eyes continually fixed upon heaven, gloriously departed out of this world. At Florence, of S. Andrew Corsini, of Florence, a Carmelite, bishop of Fiesoli, whom famous for miracles, Urban VIII. canonized for a saint. At Geris† in Egypt, of S. Nilammon, anchoret, who whilst he was carrying

* Rhadones † Gera.

to a bishopric against his will, in prayer gave up his soul to God.

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G *The Seventh Day.*

THE bringing back of the Child Jesus out of Egypt. The same day, the birthday of blessed Lucian, priest of the Church of Antioch, and martyr, who, famous for learning and eloquence, suffered at Nicomedia for the confession of Christ, in the persecution of Galerius Maximianus, and was buried at Helenopolis in Bithynia, whose praises are written by S. John Chrysostom. At Antioch, of S. Clerus, deacon, who for the glory of his confession being seven times tortured, and pined long in prison, at last beheaded, ended his martyrdom. In the city of Heraclea, of the holy martyrs Felix and Januarius. The same day, of S. Julian, martyr. In Denmark,* of S. Canutus, king and martyr. At Pavia,† of S. Crispin bishop and confessor. In Dacia, of S. Nicetas, bishop, who by preaching the Gospel of Christ, made mild and meek fierce and barbarous nations. In Egypt, of S. Theodorus, monk, who was famous for holiness of life in the time of Constantine the Great, of whom S. Athanasius maketh mention in the life of S. Antony. At Barcelona,‡ of S. Raymundus of Pentafort, of the order of preachers, famous for sanctity and learning.

* Dania. † Papia. ‡ Barcinona.

A *The Eighth Day.*

At Beauvais* in France, of the holy martyrs, Lucian, priest, Maximian, and Julian, of which the two last were by the persecutors killed with a sword; but blessed Lucian, who came with S. Dennis into France, after a great slaughter of his companions, not fearing with a stout voice still to confess the name of Christ, at last received the same sentence of death with the former. Also of S. Eugenian, martyr. In Lybia, of the holy martyrs Theophilus, deacon, and Helladius, who having been first most cruelly torn, and then galled with sharp potsherds, at last thrown into the fire, rendered up their souls to God. At Hierapolis in Asia, of S. Apollinaris, bishop, who under Marcus Antoninus Verus, was famous for sanctity and learning. At Naples, in Campania, the birth-day of S. Severin, bishop, brother to blessed Victorinus, martyr, who after the working of many miracles, full of holiness went to rest. At Pavia,† of S. Maximus, bishop and confessor. At Metz,‡ of S. Patiens, bishop. The same day in Bavary,§ of S. Severin, abbot, who propagated the Gospel in that nation, and is called the apostle of the Bavatians: his body being by divine power brought to Mont-feltro,|| near Naples, was afterwards from thence translated to the monastery of S. Severin.

* Bellouacum. † Papia. ‡ Metæ. § Norici.
|| Lucullanum.

B *The Ninth Day.*

At Antioch, under Dioclesian and Maximian, the birth-day of S. Julian, martyr, and Basilissa, virgin, his wife, who with her husband having kept virginity, ended her days in peace; but Julian (after many priests and ministers of the Church of Christ, who for the cruelty of persecution had fled unto them, had been burned) by the command of Marcian the president having been diversly tormented, received sentence of death: with whom also Antony, a priest, and Anastatius, (whom raised from death, Julian had made partaker of the grace of Christ), and Celsus, a child, with his mother Marcianilla, and seven brethren, and many others, did suffer. In Mauritania Cæsariensis, of S. Marciana, virgin, who, devoured by beasts, accomplished her martyrdom. At Smyrna, of the holy martyrs, Vitalis, Revocatus, and Fortunatus. In Africa, of the holy martyrs Epictetus, Jucundus, Secundus, Vitalis, Felix, and seven others. At Sebaste in Armenia, of S. Peter, bishop, brother to S. Basil the Great. At Ancona, of S. Marcellinus, bishop, who (as S. Gregory writeth), miraculously delivered that city from burning.

C *The Tenth Day.*

In Cyprus, of blessed Nicanor, one of the seven first deacons, who, admirable for his faith and virtue, was most gloriously crowned. At Rome,

of S. Agatho, pope, who, famous for holiness and learning, died a natural death. At Milan, of S. John, surnamed the Good, bishop and confessor. In Thebais, the birth-day of S. Paul, the first hermit, who, from the sixteenth year of his age until an hundred and thirteen, led a solitary life in the wilderness; whose soul S. Antony saw carried up to heaven by angels amidst the choirs of apostles and prophets, but his feast is kept the fifteenth of this month. At Constantinople, of S. Marcian, priest.

D *The Eleventh Day.*

At Rome, the birth-day of S. Hyginus, pope, who in the persecution of Antoninus the emperor, gloriously accomplished his martyrdom. In Africa of blessed Salvius, martyr, of whose feast S. Augustin made a sermon to the people of Carthage. At Alexandria, of the holy martyrs Peter, Severus, and Leucius. At Fermi in Picenum,* of S. Alexander, bishop and martyr. At Amiens, of S. Salvius, bishop and martyr. At Brindisi,† of S. Leucius, bishop and confessor. In Cappadocia, in a village called Marissa, of S. Theodosius, abbot, who having suffered much for the Catholic faith, died at last a natural death. In Thebais, of S. Palæmon, abbot, master to S. Pachomius. At Suppentonia, near the mount Soractes,‡ of S. Anastasius, monk, and his companions, who,

* Marc-Ancona. † Brundisium.
‡ Monte de San Silvestro.

called by a voice from heaven, went unto our Lord. At Pavia, of S. Honorata, virgin.

E *The Twelfth Day.*

At Rome, of S. Tatiana, martyr, who under Alexander the emperor, being first torn with iron hooks and combs, then thrown unto beasts, and cast into the fire, but receiving no harm, was at last beheaded. In Achaia, of S. Satyrus, martyr, who as he passed before an idol, and blowing upon it, signed himself in the forehead with the cross, forthwith the idol fell to the ground; for which cause he was beheaded. The same day, of S. Arcadius, martyr, famous for his noble extraction, and miracles. In Africa, of the martyrdom of Zoticus, Rigatus, Modestus, Castulus, and of forty soldiers. At Constantinople, of the Saints Tygrius, priest, and Eutropius, reader, who suffered in the days of Arcadius the emperor. At Tinoli,* of S. Zoticus, martyr. At Ephesus, the passion of forty-and-two holy monks, who for the worship of holy images, under Constantinus Copronymus, having been most cruelly tormented, accomplished their martyrdom. At Ravenna, of S. John, bishop and confessor. At Verona, of S. Probus, bishop. In England, of S. Benedict, abbot and confessor.

F *The Thirteenth Day.*

THE octave of the Epiphany of our Lord. At Rome, in the way called Lanicana, of forty holy soldiers, who for the confession of the true faith, under Gallienus, emperor, deserved to be crowned with martyrdom. In Sardinia, of S. Potitus, martyr, who having suffered much under Antoninus, emperor, and Gelasius, president, at last finished his martyrdom by the sword. At Singidonum,* in the upper Misia, of the holy martyrs Hermylus and Stratonicus, who under Licinius the emperor, after cruel torments were drowned in the river Ister. At Corduba, of the holy martyrs Gumesindus, priest, and Serni-deus, monk. At Poytiers,† in France, the birth-day of S. Hilarius, bishop and confessor, who for constantly defending the Catholic faith being banished four years into Phrygia, amongst other miracles raised a dead man to life, but his feast is kept the day following. At Cæsarea in Cappadocia, of S. Leontius, bishop, who under Licinius did valiantly withstand the Gentiles, and under Constantine, the Arians. At Trevers, of S. Agritius, bishop. In the monastery of Versy,‡ of S. Viventius, confessor. At Amasea, in Pontus, of S. Glaphyra, virgin.

G *The Fourteenth Day.*

AT Nola in Campania, the birth-day of S. Felix, priest, who, as S. Paulinus, bishop, writes, after

* Now called Semender. † Pictavium. ‡ Versiacum.

many torments being cast into prison by the persecutors, and laid bound hand and foot upon snail-shells and potsherds, was in the night loosed and delivered by an angel; and the persecution ceasing, after he had by his holy example of life and doctrine converted many to the faith of Christ, famous for miracles, ended his days in peace. In Jewry, of S. Malachias, prophet. In Mount Sina, of thirty-eight holy monks, slain by the Saracens for the faith of Christ. In Egypt, in the country of Raithy, of forty-three holy monks, who for the Christian religion were killed by the Blemines. At Milan, of S. Dattus, bishop and confessor, of whom S. Gregory, pope, maketh mention. In Africa, of S. Euphrasius, bishop. In Syria, of S. Julian of Saba, the elder, who in the time of Valens the Emperor, by virtue of miracles, restored again the Catholic faith at Antioch, there almost extinguished. At Neocæsarea, in Pontus, of S. Macrina, disciple of S. Gregory Thaumaturgus, and grandmother to S. Basil, who brought him up in the Christian faith.

A *The Fifteenth Day.*

In the territory of Angiers,* of S. Maurus, abbot, disciple of S. Benet, who being instructed by him from his infancy, how much he profited by his discipline, amongst other things which he did while he was with him, his walking upon the water, declared: (a strange thing, and not used

* Andegavum.

since the time of S. Peter.) Being sent thence by S. Benet into France, after he had there erected a famous monastery, of which he was abbot forty years, glorious for miracles, he rested in peace. In Jewry, of the holy prophets Abacuc and Michæas, whose bodies were found by divine revelation in the days of Theodosius the elder. At Anagnia, of S. Secundina, virgin and martyr, who suffered under Decius the emperor. At Caralis* in Sardinia, of S. Ephisius, martyr, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, under Flavian, judge, after many torments overcome by divine help, at last beheaded, went victoriously to heaven. At Nola, in Campania, of S. Maximus, bishop. At Auvergne,† in France, of S. Bonitus, bishop and confessor. In Egypt, of S. Macarius, abbot, disciple to S. Antony, very famous for his life and miracles. Moreover, of blessed Isidore, renowned for holiness of life, faith, and miracles. At Rome, of S. John Calibita, who living for a time in a corner of his father's house unknown, and afterwards in a little cottage in the island of Tibur, in his death made known to his parents, famous for miracles, was buried in the same place, where afterwards was erected a church in his honour.

B *The Sixteenth Day.*

At Rome, in the way called Salaria, the birthday of S. Marcellus, pope and martyr, who for

* Now called Caller. † Clermont in Auvergne.

confession of the Catholic faith, by the command of Maxentius the Tyrant, was first beaten with clubs, and then appointed to serve beasts with a public guard set over him, in which servile office, apparelled in hair-cloth, he ended his life. At Morocco, in Africa, the passion of the holy martyrs of the order of the Minorites, Berardus, Petrus, Acursius, Adjutus, and Otto. At Arles,* of S. Honoratus, bishop and confessor, whose life was famous for learning and miracles. At Uderzo, of S. Titian, bishop and confessor. At Rhinocolura, in Egypt, of S. Melas, bishop, who under Valens the emperor, suffering banishment, with other afflictions, for the Catholic faith, died in peace. At Fondi, in Campania, of S. Honoratus, abbot, of whom S. Gregory, pope, makes mention. In the monastery of Peronne, of S. Fursey, confessor. At Rome, of S. Priscilla, who devoted herself and her goods to the service of the martyrs.

C *The Seventeenth Day.*

In Thebais, of S. Antony, abbot, who being father of many monks, was very famous for his life and miracles; of whose acts S. Athanasius has written a worthy treatise. His sacred body being found by divine revelation in the days of Justinian the emperor, and brought to Alexandria, was there buried in the church of S. John Baptist. At Langres,† of the Saints Speusippus, Eleusip-

* Arelate. † Lingonæ.

pus, and Meleusippus, all born at a birth, who together with their grandmother Leonilla were martyred in the days of Marcus Aurelius the emperor. At Rome, the invention of the holy martyrs Diodorus, priest, Marian, deacon, and their companions, who in the time of S. Stephen, pope, whilst they celebrated the feast of the martyrs, in a sand-pit, the entrance of the cave being stopped by the persecutors, and the vault over broken down upon them, obtained the crown of martyrdom. At Bourges,* the deposition of S. Sulpicius, bishop, surnamed Pius, whose life and precious death is commended by glorious miracles. At Rome, in the monastery of S. Andrew, of the holy monks Antony, Merulus, and John, of whom S. Gregory, pope, makes mention.

D *The Eighteenth Day.*

The Chair of S. Peter the apostle, wherein he first sat at Rome. There also, the passion of S. Prisca, virgin and martyr, who under Claudius the emperor, after many torments, received the crown of martyrdom. In Pontus, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Moseus and Ammonius, soldiers, who being condemned to dig in the metal mines, at last were burned. There also, of S. Athenogenes, an ancient divine, who when he was to be burned, sung joyfully a hymn, which he left in writing to his disciples. At Tours,† in

* Bituricæ. † Turones.

France, of S. Volusian, bishop, who, taken by the Goths, in banishment gave up his soul to God. There also, of S. Leobardus, anchoret, a man of wonderful abstinence and humility. In Brittany, of S. Deicolus, abbot, disciple to S. Columban. At Navocomum, of S. Liberata, virgin.

E *The Nineteenth Day.*

At Rome, in the way called Cornelia, of the holy martyrs Maris, and Martha his wife, and of their children Audifax and Abachum, noble Persians, who in the time of Claudius the emperor came to Rome for devotion: after they had been beaten with cudgels, racked, tormented by fire, torn with iron hooks, and their hands cut off, Martha was at last killed in the place called Nympha, and the others beheaded, and their bodies burnt. At Smyrna, the birth-day of blessed Germanicus, martyr, who in the flower of his youth, under Marcus Antoninus and Lucius Aurelius condemned to the beasts, by the force of God's grace, without all fear, provoked of his own accord the beast prepared to devour him; and so torn and ground with his teeth, deserved to be incorporated into the true bread of Life, Christ Jesus, for whom he died. In Africa, of the holy martyrs Paulus Gerontius, Januarius, Saturninus, Successus, Julius, Catus, Pia, and Germana. At Spoletum, the passion of S. Pontian, martyr, who in the time of Antoninus the emperor, after he

had been cruelly whipped, by the command of Fabian, judge, was compelled to walk upon hot burning coals barefoot; wherewith receiving no harm, was then tormented upon the rack called *Equuleus,* and with iron hooks; and after all this, being cast into prison, where he was comforted by an angel, thrown also unto the lions, and tormented with boiling lead, was finally beheaded. At Lodi, of S. Bassian, bishop and confessor, who together with S. Ambrose, valiantly resisted the heretics.

F *The Twentieth Day.*

At Rome, the birth-day of S. Fabian, pope, who suffered martyrdom in the time of Decius, and was buried in the church-yard of Callistus. There also, at the place called Catacumbæ, of S. Sebastian, martyr, who under Dioclesian, emperor, being chief commander of the first band of soldiers, was, for professing the christian faith, commanded to be bound in the midst of the field, and shot with arrows by the soldiers, and finally to be beaten with clubs until he died. At Nice, in Bithynia, of S. Neophytus, martyr, who being but fifteen years of age, was first cruelly whipped, then cast into a burning furnace, thrown also unto the beasts, and yet receiving no hurt, still constantly professing the faith of Christ, was finally beheaded. At Cæsena, of S. Maurus, bishop, renowned for his virtues and miracles. In Palestine, the birth-day of S. Euthymius,

abbot, who in the time of Marcian the emperor was famous in the Church for zeal of Catholic discipline, and power of working miracles.

G *The One-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Rome, the passion of S. Agnes, virgin, who under Symphronius, Governor of the city, was cast into the fire, but it being extinguished by the virtue of her prayers, she died by the sword, of whom S. Jerom writes thus: The life of Agnes is in a special manner praised throughout all the churches by the pens and tongues of all nations, who overcame both her age and the tyrant, and consecrated her title of chastity by martyrdom. At Athens, the birth-day of S. Publius, bishop, who after S. Denis the Areopagite, governed most laudably the Church of Athens, and renowned for learning and virtue, for the testimony of Christ received a glorious crown. At Tarragona in Spain, of the holy martyrs Fructuosus, bishop, Augurius and Eulogius, deacons, who in the days of Gallienus, were first cast into prison, then thrown into the fire, their fetters being burnt, stretching out their arms in form of a cross, in prayer accomplished their martyrdom; upon whose feast S. Augustin made a sermon to the people. At Trois,* of S. Patroclus, martyr, who under Aurelian the emperor, deserved the crown of martyrdom. In France, in the monastery of Ewe,† of S. Meinardus, hermit, who was killed by

* Trecæ. † Augium.

thieves. At Pavia, of S. Epiphanius, bishop and confessor.

A *The Two-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Valentia, in Arragon of Spain, of S. Vincent, deacon and martyr, who under Dacian, the most wicked president, after he had suffered imprisonment, hunger, the torture *Equuleus*, disjointing of his members, hot fiery plates, a burning gridiron, and other torments, went triumphantly to heaven, there to receive the reward of his martyrdom: whose glorious passion Prudentius has elegantly set down in verse, and S. Augustin and S. Leo the pope do exceedingly commend it. At Rome, at the waters called Salviæ, of S. Anastasius, a Persian monk, who after many torments, of imprisonment, stripes, and fetters, which he suffered at Cæsarea in Palestine, was by Chosroes, king of Persia, grievously afflicted, and at last beheaded; having sent before him to martyrdom threescore and ten, his companions, who were drowned in a river. His head was afterwards brought to Rome, together with his venerable picture, at the sight of which devils were driven away, and diseases cured, as the acts of the second council of Nice do testify. At Ambrun,* in France, of the holy martyrs Vincent, Orontius, and Victor, who in the persecution of Dioclesian were crowned with martyrdom. At Novaria, of S. Gaudentius,

* Ebredunum.

bishop and confessor. At Sora, of S. Dominic, abbot, famous for miracles.

B *The Three-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Rome, of S. Emerentiana, virgin and martyr, who as yet but a catechumen, or unbaptized, praying at the sepulchre of S. Agnes, (whose foster-sister she had been,) was stoned to death by the Gentiles. At Philippi in Macedonia, of S. Parmenas, one of the seven first deacons, who through the grace of God, faithfully fulfilling the office of preaching committed to his charge, under Trajan obtained the glory of martyrdom. At Cæsarea in Mauritania, of the holy martyrs Severian, and Aquila his wife, consumed by fire. At Anthios, a city in Egypt, of S. Asclas, martyr, who after divers torments, being thrown headlong into a river, gave up his precious soul to God. At Ancyra in Galatia, of S. Clement, bishop, who oftentimes tormented, at length accomplished his martyrdom under Dioclesian. In the same place, of S. Agathangelus, who suffered the same day under Lucius, president. At Alexandria, of S. John, surnamed Eleemosynarius, bishop of the same city, very famous for his works of mercy to the poor. At Toledo,* of S. Ildefonsus, bishop, who for his singular integrity of life, and defending the virginity of the Mother of God against certain heretics that impugned the same, re-

* Toletum.

ceived of her a most pure white vestment; and finally, famous for holiness, was called unto heaven. In the province of Valeria, of S. Martyrius, monk, of whom S. Gregory the pope makes mention.

C *The Four-and-Twentieth Day.*

THE birth-day of S. Timothy, disciple to S. Paul the Apostle, who by him ordained bishop of Ephesus, after many conflicts for Christ, as he one day reprehended such as offered sacrifice to Diana, was stoned, and a little after went to rest in our Lord. At Antioch, of S. Babylas, bishop, who in the persecution of Decius, having greatly glorified God by his frequent sufferings and torments, ended his life gloriously in chains of iron, with which he commanded his body to be buried. There are said to have suffered with him three children, Urban, Prilidian, and Epolonius, whom he had instructed in the faith of Christ. At Neocesaræa, of the holy martyrs Mardonius, Musonius, Eugenius, and Metellus, who being all burned, their relics were thrown into the river. At Fuligno,* of S. Felician, who, created bishop of the same city by pope Victor, after many labours sustained, in his decrepit old age, under Decius, was crowned with martyrdom. Moreover, of the holy martyrs Thyrsus and Prolectus. At Bolonia, of S. Zamas, the first bishop of that city, who, consecrated by S. Denis, pope of Rome,

* Fulginium.

did greatly propagate the faith of Christ in those parts. Also of blessed Suranus, abbot, who in the time of the Lombards was famous for sanctity.

D *The Five-and-Twentieth Day.*

THE Conversion of S. Paul the Apostle, which happened the second year after our Saviour's ascension. At Damascus, the birth-day of S. Ananias, that baptized the same apostle; who, having preached the Gospel at Damascus, Eleutherople, and in other places, under Licinius, judge, scourged and torn with knives, and finally stoned to death, accomplished his martyrdom. At Antioch, of the holy martyrs Juventinus and Maximinus, martyred under Julian the Apostate: on whose birth-day S. John Chrysostom made a sermon to the people. At Auvergne,* of the SS. Projectus, bishop, and Marinus, a man of God, who suffered by the Governors of that city. Moreover, of the holy martyrs Donatus, Sabinus, and Agapis. At Tomis in Scythia, of S. Bretannion, bishop, who for his wonderful sanctity and zeal of the Catholic faith, under Valens the Arian, emperor, whom he stoutly resisted, was renowned in the Church of Christ. At Arras,† in France, of S. Poppo, abbot, famous for miracles.

* Arvernum, now called Clermont. † Attrebatum.

E *The Six-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Smyrna, the birth-day of S. Polycarp, disciple to S. John the apostle, who being by him made bishop of that city, was primate of all Asia: he was afterwards, under Marcus Antoninus and Lucius Aurelius Commodius (the proconsul sitting in judgment, and all the people crying out against him in the amphitheatre), cast into the fire, but nothing hurt thereby, thrust through with a sword, received the crown of martyrdom. With whom also twelve others, coming from Philadelphia, ended their lives by martyrdom in the same city. At Hippo-regius, in Africa, of the Saints Theogenes, bishop, and thirty-six others, who in the persecution of Valerian, contemning temporal death, obtained the crown of eternal life. At Bethlehem-Judea, the departure of S. Paula, widow, mother to S. Eustochium, virgin of Christ, who, descended of the noble blood of senators, forsaking the world, and distributing her goods to the poor, retired herself to the crib* of our Lord, where, adorned with many virtues, and crowned with a long martyrdom, she passed to the kingdom of heaven; whose life, full of wonderful virtues, is written by S. Jerom. In the territory of Paris, of S. Bathildes, Queen, renowned for holiness of life and miracles.

* Præsepe Domini.

F *The Seven-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Constantinople, of S. John, bishop, (for his golden vein of eloquence surnamed Chrysostom), who by his preaching and exemplary life, much advanced the Christian religion; and after many labours ended his life in banishment. His holy body upon this day was brought to Constantinople, under Theodosius the Younger, and afterwards thence translated to Rome, was placed in the church of the Prince of the Apostles. At Sora, of S. Julian, martyr, who being apprehended in the persecution of Antoninus, for that an idolatrous temple fell to the ground whilst he was tortured, received the crown of martyrdom by having his head cut off. In Africa, of S. Avitus, martyr. There also of the holy martyrs Datius, Reatrius, and their companions, who suffered in the persecution of the Vandals. Moreover, of the Saints Dativus, Julian, Vincent, and twenty-seven others, martyrs. At Rome, of S. Vitalian, pope. At Mans,* the deposition of S. Julian, the first bishop of that city, who was sent thither by S. Peter to preach the Gospel. In the monastery of Bobacum, of S. Marius, abbot.

G *The Eight-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Rome, the second feast of S. Agnes. There also, of S. Flavian, martyr, who suffered under Dioclesian. At Apollonia, of the holy martyrs

* Cenomanum.

Thyrsus, Leucius, and Callinicus, who in the days of Decius the emperor, having all three endured divers torments, Thyrsus and Callinicus being beheaded, and Leucius, called by a voice from heaven, giving up the ghost, they all accomplished their martyrdom. In Thebais, of the holy martyrs Leonides and his companions, who obtained the palm of martyrdom under Dioclesian. At Alexandria, the commemoration of many holy martyrs, who by the sanction of Syrianus, an Arian captain, whilst they were at mass in the church, were this day diversely put to death. Also of S. Cyril, bishop of that city, who most valiantly defending the Catholic faith, famous for his learning and sanctity, rested in peace. At Saragossa,* of S. Valerius, bishop. At Cuenca,† in Spain, the birth-day of S. Julian, bishop, who bestowing the goods of his Church upon the poor, and in apostolical manner getting his living by the labour of his hands, famous for miracles, rested in peace. In the monastery of Rheims, the deposition of S. John, priest, a man of God. In Palestine, of S. James, hermit, who for that he had fallen from his faith, lay secretly a long time in a sepulchre doing penance, and famous for miracles, went unto our Lord.

A *The Nine-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Barcelona in Spain, of S. Peter Nolasco, confessor, founder of the Order of Blessed Mary of Reward for the Redeeming of Captives, famous

* Cæsar-augusta. † Concha.

for his virtues and miracles. At Rome, in the way called Nomentana, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Papias and Maurus, soldiers, who under Dioclesian the emperor, at their first confession of Christ, by the command of Laodicius, governor of the city, had their mouths bruised with stones, and so cast into prison, were after beaten with clubs, and lastly scourged with leaden whips, until they gave up the ghost. At Perugia, of S. Constantius, bishop and martyr, who under Marcus Aurelius, emperor, for defence of the faith, together with his companions, received the crown of martyrdom. At Edessa, in Syria, of the holy martyrs Sarbelius, and Barbea his sister, who, baptized by blessed Barsimæus, bishop, were under Lisias, governor, in the persecution of Trajan, crowned with martyrdom. In the territory of Trois,* of S. Sabinian, martyr, who by the command of Aurelian the emperor was beheaded for the faith of Christ. At Milan, of S. Aquilinus, priest, who, thrust through the throat with a sword by the Arians, was crowned with martyrdom. At Trevers, the deposition of blessed Valerius, bishop, disciple to S. Peter the apostle. At Bourges,† of S. Sulpicius Severus, bishop, scholar to S. Martin, greatly renowned for his virtues and learning.

B *The Thirtieth Day.*

At Rome, of S. Martina, virgin, who under the emperor Alexander having endured divers kinds

* Tricassinum. † Bituricæ.

of torments, at last had her head cut off, upon the first of this month. Her feast, notwithstanding, by the ordination of Urban the Eighth, is transferred to this day. At Antioch the passion of S. Hippolytus, priest, who was for a time deceived with the schism of Novatus, but by the grace of Christ repenting, he returned to the unity of the Church; for which, and in which afterwards he suffered a glorious martyrdom. He being asked by those of his faction which was the truer sect, having execrated the doctrine of Novatus, affirming that faith ought to be held which the chair of Peter kept, he offered himself to death. In Africa, the passion of the holy martyrs Felician, Philappian, and an hundred and twenty others. At Edessa in Syria, of S. Barsimæus, bishop, who having converted many Gentiles to the faith, and sent them before to be crowned, he followed them under Trajan, with a palm of martyrdom. There also of S. Barsen, bishop, famous for the grace of curing diseases, who, banished into the furthest parts of that country for the Catholic faith, by Valens the Arian, emperor, there ended his days. Moreover, of S. Alexander, who, apprehended in the persecution of Decius, venerable for his gravity and years, and glorious for his reiterated confession, whilst the executioners were tormenting him, gave up the ghost. At Jerusalem, the birth-day of S. Matthias, bishop, of whom wonderful things and acts of a great faith are recounted: who under Adrian having endured much for Christ,

at length ended his days in peace. At Rome, of S. Felix, pope, who laboured much for the Catholic faith. At Pavia, of S. Armentarius, bishop and confessor. In the monastery of Maubeuge,* in Hainault, of S. Aldegund, virgin, in the time of king Dagobert. At Milan, of S. Savina, a most pious woman, who as she prayed at the tomb of the holy martyrs Nabor and Felix, departed to our Lord.

C *The One-and-Thirtieth Day.*

At Rome, in the way Portuensis, of the holy martyrs Cyrus and John, who after many torments endured for the confession of Christ, were beheaded. At Alexandria, the birth-day of S. Metran, martyr, who under Decius the emperor, refusing to utter certain blasphemous words, had by the Pagans his body all bruised with cudgels, and his face and eyes pierced with sharp reeds, and after many like torments being thrust out of the city, was finally stoned to death. There also, of the holy martyrs Saturninus, Thirsus, and Victor. In the same city, of the holy martyrs Tharsicius, Zoticus, Cyriacus, and their companions. At Gizicum† in Hellespont, of S. Triphenes, martyr, who having overcome divers torments, at last killed by a bull, deserved the palm of martyrdom. At Modena, of S. Geminian, bishop, renowned for miracles. In the province of Milan, of S. Julius, priest and confessor,

* Malbodium. † Now called Callipolis.

in the days of Theodosius the emperor. At Rome, of S. Marcella, widow, whose worthy praises S. Jerom has left written. The same day, the Translation of S. Mark the Evangelist, whose body, at the taking of Alexandria in Egypt by the barbarians, was brought thence to Venice, and there most honourably placed in the chief church, dedicated in his honour.

February.

D *The First Day.*

The birth-day of S. Ignatius, bishop and martyr, who was the third after S. Peter the apostle that governed the Church of Antioch; and in the persecution of Trajan condemned to the beasts, was by his command sent bound to Rome, where, in the presence of the whole senate, he was first most cruelly tormented, and then cast unto the lions, was torn to pieces in their teeth, and so became a sacrifice unto Christ. At Smyrna, of S. Pionius, priest and martyr, who after divers apologies written for the Christian faith, after the loathsomeness of a stinking prison, where by his exhortations he encouraged many of his brethren to suffer martyrdom, many ways tormented, stuck with nails, and laid upon a hot burning fire, made a happy end for Christ; with whom also suffered

fifteen others. At Ravenna, of S. Severus, bishop, who for his great merits was elected by the sign of a Dove. In France, at Trou, of S. Paul, bishop, whose life was glorious for virtues, and whose precious death is commended by miracles. The same day, of S. Ephrem, deacon of the church of Edessa, who after many labours endured for the faith of Christ, renowned for sanctity and learning, under Valens, emperor, went to rest in our Lord. In Scotland, of S. Brigide, virgin, who touching the wood of an altar, in testimony of her virginity, the same forthwith became green.

E *The Second Day.*

THE Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, called by the Greeks Hypapante, or the Meeting of our Lord. At Rome, in the way called Salaria, the passion of S. Apronian, notary, who being yet a Gentile, whilst he brought S. Sisinius out of prison to present him before Laodicius the governor, hearing this voice from heaven, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, possess the kingdom which is prepared for you from the beginning of the world," believing, was baptized, and after received sentence of death for the confession of our Lord. Moreover at Rome, of the holy martyrs Fortunatus, Felician, Firmus and Candidus. At Cæsarea in Palestine, of S. Cornelius, centurion, whom S. Peter the Apostle baptized, and ordained bishop of that city. At Orleans, of S. Flosculus, bishop. At Canterbury in England, the birth-day

of S. Laurence, bishop, who next after S. Augustin, governed that Church, and converted the king himself to the faith.

F *The Third Day.*

At Sebaste in Armenia, the passion of S. Blase, bishop and martyr, who after he had wrought many miracles, under Agricolaus, president, being cruelly whipped and hanged up by the hands, and his flesh all torn with iron combs, cast also into a loathsome prison, and plunged into a lake, out of which he came sound and whole, by the command of the same judge, together with two boys, was finally beheaded. But before him seven women gathering up the drops of blood which ran down from his body whilst he was tortured, being deprehended to be Christians, after cruel torments died by the sword. In Africa, of S. Celerinus, deacon, who, kept in prison nineteen days, loaded with fetters, irons, and otherwise tormented, made a glorious confession of Christ; and with an invincible courage overcoming his enemy, showed unto others the way of conquering. Also of the holy martyrs Laurentinus, his uncle by the father's side, and Ignatius, his uncle on the mother's side, and Celerina, his grandmother, who were all crowned with martyrdom before him; of whose renowned praises there is extant an epistle written by S. Cyprian. There also, of the holy martyrs Felix, Symphronius,

Hippolitus, and his companions. In the town of Vaping, of the Saints Tigides and Remedius, bishops. At Lyons, of the Saints Lupicinus and Felix, also bishops. The same day, of S. Anscharius, bishop of Bremen, who converted the Swedes and Danes to the faith of Christ.

G *The Fourth Day.*

At Rome, of S. Eutychius, martyr, who having endured a glorious martyrdom, was buried in the church-yard of Callistus, whose sepulchre S. Damasus, pope, adorned with verses. At Fossanbruno,* of the holy martyrs Aquilinus, Geminus, Gelasius, Magnus, and Donatus. At Themue in Egypt, the passion of blessed Philæus, bishop of the same city, and of Philoromus, a Colonel, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, when by no persuasion of kindred and friends they could be withdrawn from offering their necks to the sword, they both deserved of our Lord triumphant palms: with whom innumerable multitudes of Christians in that city, following the example of their pastor, were crowned with martyrdom. The same day, of S. Rembertus, bishop of Bremen. At Trois,† of S. Aventin, confessor. At Pelusium, in Egypt, of S. Isidore, monk, renowned for his merits and learning. The same day, of S. Gilbert, confessor.

* Forum Sempronii. † Trecæ.

A *The Fifth Day.*

At Catana in Sicily, the birth-day of S. Agatha, virgin and martyr, who in the days of Decius the emperor, under Quinctian, judge, after buffets and imprisonment, after the torment *Equuleus* and rackings, cutting off her breasts, and rolling up and down upon potsherds and hot coals, at last in prison, whilst she was praying to God, accomplished her martyrdom. In Pontus, the commemoration of many holy martyrs, of which some in the persecution of Maximian, scalded with burning hot lead, others pricked under the nails with sharp reeds, and vexed with many cruel torments often iterated, deserved of our Lord palms and crowns, by their glorious passion. At Alexandria, of S. Isidore, martyr, who in the persecution of Decius was beheaded by Numerian, general of the army, for the faith of Christ. At Vienna, of blessed Avitus, bishop and confessor, by whose faith, industry, and admirable learning, France was defended from the infection of the Arian heresy. At Brixen,* of the holy bishops Genvin and Albin, whose lives were renowned for miracles. At Japan, the birth-day of the blessed martyrs, Paul, John, and James, of the Society of Jesus. They suffered under Taicosanna.

B *The Sixth Day.*

At Cæsarea in Cappadocia, the birth-day of S. Dorothy, virgin and martyr, who under Sapricius, president of that province, first racked upon the torture *Equuleus*, and afterwards cruelly beaten with the twigs of palms, was at last beheaded; by whose martyrdom Theophilus, a student, was converted to the faith of Christ, and forthwith most cruelly tortured, ended his life by the sword. The same day, of the holy martyrs Saturninus, Theophilus, and Revocata. At Emessa,* in Phœnicia, of S. Silvan, bishop, who after he had governed the bishopric of that city for forty years, was with two others cast unto the beasts, under Maximian, emperor, and so torn in pieces received the palm of martyrdom. At Auvergne in France, of S. Antholian, martyr. The same day, of the holy bishops Vedastus and Amandus, whose lives and deaths were glorious for miracles; of whom the former governed the Church of Arras,† and the latter of Mastrick.‡ At Bolonia, of S. Guarinus, bishop and cardinal of Pilastrina,§ renowned for sanctity of life.

C *The Seventh Day.*

Of S. Romualdus, abbot, founder of the monks of the order of Camaldula, whose birth-day is celebrated upon the nineteenth of June. At Lon-

* Now called Hamza. † Attrebatum. ‡ Traiectum.
§ Præneste.

don* in England, the birth-day of S. Augulus, bishop, who ending his life by martyrdom, deserved to receive an eternal reward. In Phrygia, of S. Adaucus, martyr, an Italian of noble extraction, who advanced to all degrees of honour by the emperors, whilst he was yet treasurer, was crowned with martyrdom for the defence of his faith. Also of many holy martyrs, inhabitants of one city, and disciples of the same Adaucus, who being all Christians, and persisting constant in the confession of the faith, were by Galerius Maximian the emperor consumed with fire. At Heraclea, of S. Theodore, a captain, who under Licinius the emperor, after many torments being beheaded, went victoriously to heaven. In Egypt, of S. Moyses, a venerable bishop, who first led a solitary life in the desert, and afterward, at the intercession of Mauvia, queen of the Saracens, created bishop, converted the greatest part of that wild and barbarous people to the faith, and glorious for merits, he rested in peace. At Luca, in Tuscia, the deposition of S. Richard, king of the English. At Bolonia, of S. Juliana, widow.

D *The Eighth Day.*

At Rome, of the holy martyrs Paulus, Lucius, and Cyriacus. In the Lesser Armenia, the birthday of the holy martyrs Denis, Æmilian, and Sebastian. At Alexandria, the passion of S. Coin-

* Augusta in Britannia.

tha, martyr, under the emperor Decius, whom the Paynims leading to the idols, urged her to adore them, which she with detestation refusing to do, they tied her by the feet, and dragging her through the streets of the city, in a horrid manner tore her in pieces. At Constantinople, the birth-day of the holy martyrs, monks of the monastery of Dius, who, bringing the letters of S. Felix, pope, against Acacius, for defence of the Catholic faith, were most barbarously killed. In Persia, the commemoration of the holy martyrs, who under Gabades, king of the Persians, were for the Christian faith, by divers kinds of torments, put to death. At Pavia,* of S. Juventius, bishop, who greatly laboured in preaching the gospel. At Milan, the deposition of S. Honoratus, bishop and confessor. At Verdun,† in France, of S. Paul, bishop, renowned for miracles.

E *The Ninth Day.*

At Alexandria, the birth-day of S. Apollonia, virgin, whose teeth were all first struck out by the persecutors under Decius, then having prepared and kindled a fire, they threatened to burn her alive, unless she would pronounce with them certain blasphemous words; she, deliberating a little time within herself, on the sudden broke

Papia. † Virodunum.

out of the hands of the wicked wretches, and burning interiorly with a greater flame of the Holy Ghost, of her own accord leaped into the fire which they had prepared, insomuch that even the cruel persecutors themselves were struck with a dreadful terror to see that there was found a woman who was more ready to accept of death than they were to inflict it. At Rome, the passion of the holy martyrs Alexander, and eight-and-thirty others, crowned at the same time. At Soly in Cyprus, of the holy martyrs Ammonius and Alexander. At Antioch, of S. Nicephorus, martyr, who under Valerian, emperor, with loss of his head gained the crown of martyrdom. In Africa, in a village called Lemiens, of the holy martyrs Primus and Donatus, deacons, who defending an altar in the church, were killed by the Donatists. In the monastery of Fontanelle, of S. Ansbert, bishop of Rouen.* At Canosa† in Apulia, of S. Sabin, bishop and confessor.

F *The Tenth Day.*

At Rome, of the holy martyrs, Zoticus, Irenæus, Hyacinthus, and Amantius. There also, in the way Lavicana, of ten holy soldiers, martyrs. Moreover, in the way called Appia, of S. Soteres, virgin and martyr, who, descended of noble extraction, as S. Ambrose writes, contemned, for the love of Christ, the honourable

Rotomagum. † Canusium.

titles and honours of her parents, and being commanded to offer sacrifice, she refusing, was long and cruelly buffeted; and when she had overcome many other torments, by the sword she went joyfully to her Spouse. At Campania, of S. Silvan, bishop and confessor. At Male-vallis,* in the territory of Sens,† of S. William, hermit. At Monte-Cassino, of S. Scholastica, virgin, sister to S. Benet, abbot, who saw her soul at her departure fly up to heaven in likeness of a dove. In the territory of Rouen, of S. Austreberta, virgin, renowned for miracles.

G *The Eleventh Day.*

In Africa, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Saturninus, priest, Dativus, Felix, Ampelius, and their companions, who being assembled to celebrate and assist at mass, according to their custom, were in the persecution of Dioclesian apprehended by the soldiers, and suffered under the proconsul Anolinus. In Numidia, the commemoration of many holy martyrs, who, apprehended in the same persecution, and refusing to deliver up the Holy Scriptures, according to the edict of the emperor, were put to most cruel torments, and finally slain. At Adrianople, of the holy martyrs Lucius, bishop, and his companions, who, having suffered many things from the Arians under Constantius, ended his martyrdom in pri-

* Stabubulum Rhodis. † Senones.

son; but the rest, being the chief persons of the city, when they refused to admit of the Arians condemned in the Council of Sardica, were sentenced to death by Count Philagrius. At Lyons, of S. Desiderius, bishop of Vienna, and martyr. At Ravenna, of S. Calocerus, bishop and confessor. At Milan, of S. Lazarus, bishop. At Capua, of S. Castrensis, bishop. In the village Landon,* of S. Severin, abbot of the monastery of Agavnum,† by whose prayers the devout king Clodoveus was delivered from a long sickness. In Egypt, of S. Jonas, monk, renowned for miracles.

A *The Twelfth Day.*

At Barcelona in Spain, of S. Eulalia, virgin, who in the time of Dioclesian the emperor, having suffered the torture *Equuleus*, iron hooks, and fire, at last crucified, received the glorious crown of martyrdom. In Africa, of S. Damian, a soldier and martyr. At Carthage, of the holy martyrs Modestus and Julian. At Beneventum, of S. Modestus, deacon and martyr. At Alexandria, of the holy infants Modestus and Ammonius. At Antioch, of S. Meletius, bishop, who having often suffered banishment for the Catholic faith, went finally to our Lord at Constantinople; whose renowned virtues S. John Chrysostom and Gregory Nissen have worthily set forth. At Constantinople, of S. Antony, bishop, in the time of Leo the

* Nantonium. † Now called S. Maurice.

sixth, emperor. At Verona, of S. Gaudentius, bishop and confessor.

B *The Thirteenth Day.*

At Antioch, the birth-day of S. Agabus, prophet, of whom S. Luke maketh mention in the Acts of the Apostles. At Ravenna, of the holy saints Fusca, virgin, and Maura, her nurse, who in the days of Decius the emperor, having suffered many things under Quinctian, president, thrust through with a sword accomplished their martyrdom. At Meletine, in Armenia, of S. Polienctus, martyr, who in the persecution of the same Decius, after many torments gained the crown of martyrdom. At Lyons, of S. Julian, martyr. At Todi,* of S. Benignus, martyr. At Rome, of S. Gregory, pope, the second of that name, who with great courage opposed himself against the impiety of Leo Isauricus, and sent S. Boniface to preach the Gospel in Germany. At Angiers,† the deposition of S. Lucinius, bishop, a man of admirable sanctity. At Lyons, of S. Stephen, bishop and confessor. At Riete,‡ of S. Stephen, abbot, a man of wonderful patience, at whose death the holy angels were present, and seen by all that were present, as S. Gregory, pope, relates. The birth-day of S. Catherine de Ricci, a noble Florentine.

Tudertum. † Andegavum. ‡ Reate.

C *The Fourteenth Day.*

At Rome, in the way Flaminia, the birth-day of blessed Valentine, priest and martyr, who after he had restored many sick persons to their health, and instructed the ignorant in the faith of Christ, was beaten with clubs, and beheaded under Claudius, emperor. Also at Rome, of the holy martyrs Vitalis, Felicula, and Zeno. At Teramo,* of S. Valentine, bishop and martyr, who cruelly whipped, and then committed to prison, would not relent, was about midnight drawn thence, and by the command of Placidus, governor of that city, beheaded. There also, of the holy martyrs Proculus, Ephebus, and Apollinius, who praying by night at the body of S. Valentine, by the command of Leontius, sometimes senator, were apprehended and put to the sword. At Alexandria, of the holy martyrs Bassus, Antonius, and Protolicus, who were drowned in the sea. Also of the holy martyrs Cyrion, priest, Bassian, lector, Agatho, exorcist, and Moyses, who all consumed with fire, departed to heaven. There also, of the Saints Denis and Ammonius, who were beheaded. At Ravenna, of S. Eleuchadius, bishop and confessor. In Bithynia, of S. Auxentius, abbot. At Sorrento,† of S. Antoninus, abbot, who when the monastery of Monte-Cassino was destroyed by the Lombards, retired himself into the wilderness near adjoining, and there, renowned for holiness of life, went to rest in our Lord: whose body is

* Interamna. † Surrentum.

daily glorified by miracles, especially in delivering of possessed persons.

D *The Fifteenth Day.*

At Brescia,* the birth-day of the holy martyrs Faustinus and Jovita, who under Adrian, emperor, after many famous combats suffered for the faith of Christ, obtained the crown of martyrdom. At Rome, of S. Crato, martyr, who with his wife and whole family being baptized by S. Valentine, bishop, shortly after together with them ended his life by martyrdom. At Teramo,† of S. Agapes, virgin and martyr. Also the birth-day of the holy martyrs Saturninus, Castulus, Magnus, and Lucius. At Vaison,‡ in France, of S. Quinidius, bishop, whose death how precious it was in the sight of our Lord many miracles do testify. At Capua, of S. Decorosus, bishop and confessor. In the province of Valeria, of S. Severus, priest, who by his tears revived a dead man, as S. Gregory writes. At Antioch, of S. Joseph, deacon. At Auvergne, of S. Georgia, virgin.

E *The Sixteenth Day.*

The birth-day of blessed Onesimus, concerning whom S. Paul writes to Philemon, whom also he ordained bishop of Ephesus after S. Timothy, and committed unto him the preaching of the word of

* Brixia. † Interamna. ‡ Vasione.

God. He being brought prisoner to Rome, and stoned to death for the faith of Christ, was first buried there, afterward his body was translated to the place where he had been bishop. At Cuma,* in Campania, the translation of S. Juliana, virgin and martyr, who at Nicomedia under Maximian, emperor, was first most cruelly beaten by her own father Africanus, then many ways tormented by Evilasius the governor, (whom she had refused to marry), and afterwards was cast into prison, where she openly encountered with the devil; at last, having overcome both burning fire and boiling water, accomplished her martyrdom by being beheaded. In Egypt, of S. Julian, martyr, with five thousand more. At Cæsarea in Palestine, of the holy martyrs Elias, Jeremias, Isaias, Samuel, and Daniel, Egyptians, who having of their own accord served the confessors of Christ that were condemned to dig in the metal-mines of Cilicia, and returning thence, being apprehended, and cruelly tormented by Firmilian, president, were under Galerius Maximian, emperor, at last beheaded. After whom also S. Porphyry, servant of Pamphilus the martyr, and S. Seleucus, a Cappadocian, who had often overcome in divers combats, again tormented; the one by fire, the other by the sword, received the crown of martyrdom. At Brescia,† of S. Faustinus, bishop and confessor.

* Cumæ. † Brixia.

F *The Seventeenth Day.*

At Rome, the passion of S. Faustinus, whom four-and-forty others followed to the crown of martyrdom. In Persia, the birth-day of S. Polychronius, bishop of Babylon, who in the persecution of Decius having his mouth all bruised with stones, stretching out his hands, and lifting up his eyes to heaven, gave up his soul to God. At Concordia, of the holy martyrs Donatus, Secundian, and Romulus, together with fourscore and six others, all partakers of the same crown. At Cæsarea in Palestine, of S. Theodulus, an old man, of the family of Firmilian the president, who, moved with the example of the martyrs, was for his constant profession of Christ fastened to a cross, and so by a noble triumph deserved the palm of martyrdom. There also, of S. Julian, a Cappadocian, who for kissing the bodies of the martyrs, was accused for a Christian, and being brought before the judge, was commanded to be burnt with a slow fire. In the territory of Tervan,* of S. Silvin, bishop of Tolosa. In Scotland, of S. Fintan, priest and confessor.

G *The Eighteenth Day.*

At Jerusalem, the birth-day of S. Simeon, bishop and martyr, who by tradition is said to

* Tarvanum.

have been the son of Cleophas, and kinsman to our Saviour according to the flesh. He was created bishop of Jerusalem next after S. James, the brother of our Lord, and in the persecution of Trajan having endured many torments, finished his martyrdom; all that were present, and the judge himself, admiring how a man of sixscore years of age could with such fortitude and constancy endure the torment of the cross. At Ostia, of the holy martyrs Maximus and Claudius, brothers, and Præpedigna, wife to Claudius, with her two sons, Alexander and Cutias, who being nobly born, were by the command of Dioclesian apprehended, and sent into banishment; afterwards burnt with fire, they offered up to our Lord the most sweet sacrifice of martyrdom. Their holy relics being cast into a river, were found afterward by the Christians, and buried near to the same city. In Africa, of the holy martyrs Lucius, Sylvan, Rutulus, Classicus, Secundinus, Fructolus, and Maximus. At Constantinople, of S. Flavian, bishop, who for constantly defending the Catholic faith at Ephesus, by the faction of wicked Dioscorus kicked and buffeted, and cast into banishment, there within three days he ended his life. At Toledo, of S. Helladius, bishop and confessor.

A *The Nineteenth Day.*

At Rome, the birth-day of S. Gabin, priest and martyr, brother to blessed Caius, pope, who hav-

ing been a long time afflicted in prison by Dioclesian, obtained the joys of heaven by a precious death. In Africa, of the holy martyrs Publius, Julian, Marcellus, and others. In Palestine, the commemoration of the holy monks, and other martyrs, who for the faith of Christ were barbarously slain by the Saracens, under their captain Alemundarus. At Jerusalem, of S. Zambdas, bishop. At Soli, of S. Auxibius, bishop. At Beneventum, of S. Barbatus, bishop, who, renowned for holiness of life, converted the Lombards and their captain to Christ. At Milan, of S. Mansuetus, bishop and confessor.

B *The Twentieth Day.*

At Tyrus, in Phœnicia, the commemoration of the blessed martyrs, whose number only God knows, who under Dioclesian the emperor, were by Veturius, general of the army, killed by divers kinds of torments which succeeded one another: first they had their bodies all torn with whips, then they were cast unto divers kinds of beasts to be devoured, but being preserved by divine power from all hurt, lastly, by the fury of fire and sword, they accomplished their martyrdom. This glorious company was encouraged to this conquest by Tyrannio, Silvan, Peleus, and Nilus, bishops, and Zenobius, priest, who together with them by a happy combat obtained the palm of Martyrdom. In the island of Cyprus, of the holy martyrs

Pothanius and Nemesius. At Constantinople, of S. Eleutherius, bishop and martyr. In Persia, the birth-day of S. Sadoth, bishop, and of an hundred and twenty-eight others, who under Sapor, king of the Persians, for refusing to adore the sun, by cruel deaths purchased to themselves glorious crowns. At Catana in Sicily, of S. Leo, bishop, who was renowned for virtues and miracles. The same day, of S. Eucherius, bishop of Orleans, who the more he was slandered by envious tongues, the more famous he became by miracles. At Tournay, in Flanders, of S. Eleutherius, bishop and confessor.

C *The One-and-Twentieth Day.*

In Sicily, the birth-day of seventy-nine holy martyrs, who under Dioclesian by divers kinds of torments deserved to receive the crown of their confession. At Mahometta,* in Africa, of the holy martyrs Verulus, Secundinus, Syricius, Felix, Servulus, Saturninus, Fortunatus, and sixteen others, who in the persecution of the Vandals, were crowned with martyrdom for confession of the Catholic faith. At Scythopolis,† in Palestine, of S. Severian, bishop and martyr. At Damascus, of S. Peter, surnamed Mavimenus, who for saying to certain Arabians that came to visit him, being sick, "Whosoever doth not embrace the Christian Catholic faith is damned, as is your false prophet, Mahomet," was by them killed.

* Adrumetum. † Now called Bethsan.

At Ravenna, of S. Maximian, bishop and confessor. At Metz,* of S. Felix, bishop. At Brescia,† of S. Paterius, bishop.

D *The Two-and-Twentieth Day*

At Antioch, the Chair of S. Peter the Apostle, where the disciples of Christ were first of all called Christians. At Hierapolis,‡ in Phrygia, of blessed Papias, bishop of that city, disciple of S. John the Apostle, and condisciple of S. Polycarp. At Salamina,§ in Cyprus, of S. Aristio, who, as the aforesaid Papias witnesses, was one of the seventy-two disciples of Christ. In Arabia, the commemoration of many holy martyrs, who were most barbarously killed under Galerius Maximilian, emperor. At Alexandria, of S. Abilius, bishop, who being the second bishop of the same city after S. Mark, discharged his function with great renown for his virtue. At Vienna, of S. Paschasius, bishop, a man of great learning and holiness.

E *The Three-and-Twentieth Day.*

In the leap-year is omitted the Vigil of S. Matthias, Apostle, because it is transferred to the next day, which is the 24th.

The Vigil of S. Matthias, Apostle. At Sirmium, of S. Sirenus, monk and martyr, who

* Metæ. † Brixia. ‡ Now called Halepo.
§ Now Famagosta.

being apprehended by the command of Maximian the emperor, confessing himself to be a Christian, was beheaded. There also, the birth-day of seventy-two holy martyrs, who consummating the combat of their martyrdom in the same city, obtained an everlasting kingdom. At Rome, of S. Polycarp, priest, who, together with S. Sebastian, converted many to the faith of Christ, and by his exhortation brought them to the glory of martyrdom. In the city of Astroga,* of S. Martha, virgin and martyr, who suffered under Decius, emperor, and Paternus, proconsul. At Constantinople, of S. Lazarus, monk, who for painting holy images, was put to cruel torments by the command of Theophilus, emperor, surnamed Iconoclasta;† his hand was burnt with an hot iron, but being after miraculously cured, he painted anew such images as were defaced, and at last died a natural death. At Brescia, of S. Felix, bishop. At Seville,‡ in Spain, of S. Florence, confessor. At Todi,§ of S. Romana, virgin, who, baptized by S. Sylvester, pope, led a heavenly life in caves and dens, and was renowned for the glory of miracles. In England, of S. Milburge, virgin, daughter to the king of the Mercians.

And in other places, of many other, &c.

* Austrica. † Image-breaker. ‡ Hispalis. § Tudertum.

¶ In the leap-year, the four-and-twentieth Day of February, and in the same manner the Moon, is to be read twice, to wit, both upon the 24th and 25th day. Upon the first day, that is, upon the 24th, is read as follows. Upon the 24th of February, and such a day of the moon. And then, the Vigil of S. Matthias, Apostle. Also the commemoration of many holy martyrs, and confessors, and holy virgins. R. Thanks be to God. Upon the second day, that is, upon the 25th. On the five-and-twentieth of February, and of the Moon. In Jewry, &c., as in the following lesson.

F *The Four-and-Twentieth Day.* (*or* 25.)

In Jewry, the birth-day of S. Matthias, Apostle, who after the Ascension of our Lord, being by the Apostles chosen by lot in the place of Judas the traitor, for preaching of the Gospel suffered martyrdom. At Rome, of S. Primitiva, martyr. At Cæsarea in Cappadocia, of S. Sergius, martyr, whose renowned acts are yet extant. In Africa, of the holy martyrs Montanus, Lucius, Julian, Victoricus, Flavian, and their companions, who were disciples of S. Cyprian, and under Valerian the emperor accomplished their martyrdom. At Rouen,* the passion of S. Prætextatus, bishop and martyr. At Trevers, of S. Modestus, bishop and confessor. In England, of S. Ethelbert, king of Kent, whom S. Augustin, bishop of the English, converted to the faith of Christ. At Jerusalem, the first finding of the head of the precursor of our Lord.

* Rhotomagum.

G *The Five-and-Twentieth Day.* (*or* 26.)

In Egypt, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Victorinus, Victor, Nicephorus, Claudian, Dioscorus, Serapion, and Papias, under Numerian the emperor. The two first having constantly endured exquisite torments, were beheaded for the confession of their faith. Nicephorus, after he had overcome burning gridirons and the fire, was by little and little cut in pieces. Claudian and Dioscorus were burned; but Serapion and Papias were beheaded. In Africa, of the holy martyrs Donatus, Justus, Herena, and their companions. At Rome the birth-day of S. Felix, pope, the third of that name, great grandfather to S. Gregory the Great, who writes of him, that he appearing to S. Tharsilla, his neice, called her to the kingdom of heaven. At Constantinople, of S. Tarasius, bishop, a man of great learning and holiness, to whom is extant an epistle written by pope Adrian the first, in the defence of holy images. At Nazianzum, of S. Cæsarius, brother to S. Gregory surnamed the Divine, whom the same Gregory, as he testifies, saw amongst the troops of the blessed.

A *The Six-and-Twentieth Day.* (*or* 27.)

At Pergen in Pamphylia, the birth-day of S. Nestor, bishop, who in the persecution of Decius, praying night and day for preservation of the

flock of Christ, being apprehended, and with a wonderful freedom and alacrity confessing the name of our Lord, was by the command of Pollio, president, most cruelly racked on the torture *Equuleus;* and still constantly affirming that he would never forsake Christ, crucified on a cross, went victoriously to heaven. There also, the passion of the Saints Papias, Diodorus, Conon, and Claudian, who were all martyred before S. Nestor. Moreover, of the holy martyrs Fortunatus, Felix, and seven-and-twenty others. At Alexandria, of S. Alexander, bishop, a renowned old man, who after S. Peter, bishop of that city, did cast out of his church Arius the priest, infected, and convinced of heresy, and afterward, together with three hundred and eighteen Fathers, condemned him in the Nicene council. At Bolonia, of S. Faustinian, bishop, who by his preaching did greatly strengthen and increase that Church, which had been sore afflicted by the persecution of Dioclesian. At Gaza, in Palestine, of S. Porphyry, bishop, who in the days of Arcadius the emperor, overthrew the temple and idol Marnas; and after many sufferings went to rest in our Lord. At Florence, of S. Andrew, bishop and confessor. In the territory of Archi, of S. Victor, confessor, whose praises are written by S. Bernard.

B *The Seven-and-Twentieth Day.* (*or* 28.)

At Rome, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Alexander, Abundius, Antigonus, and Fortunatus. At Alexandria, the passion of S. Julian, martyr, who being so tormented with the gout, that he could neither go nor stand, was, with two of his servants that carried him in a chair, presented before the judge, whereof the one denied his faith, the other, called Eunus, together with Julian, persevering in the confession of Christ, they were both set upon camels, and commanded to be whipped round about the city, and finally, in presence of all the people, to be burned. There also, of S. Besas, a soldier, who for rebuking those that insolently abused the aforesaid martyrs, was brought before the judge, and constantly pleading for the faith, was beheaded. At Seville,* in Spain, the birth-day of S. Leander, bishop of that city, who by his preaching and industry, and by help of their own king, Reccaredus, converted the West-Goths from the Arian heresy to the Catholic faith. At Constantinople, of the holy confessor S. Basil, and Procopius, who in the time of Leo, emperor, nobly contested for the worship of holy images. At Lyons, of S. Baldomer, a man of God, whose sepulchre is renowned for frequent miracles.

* Hispalis.

C *The Eight-and-Twentieth Day.* (*or* 29.)

At Rome, the birth-day of SS. Macarius, Rufinus, Justus, and Theophilus, martyrs. At Alexandria, the passion of the Saints Cærealis, Pupulus, Caius, and Serapion. There also, the commemoration of the holy priests, deacons, and very many others, who in the days of Valerian the emperor, in the time of a great plague, willingly gave their lives, by serving such as were infected; whom the pious faith of devout people has been wont to reverence as martyrs. In the territory of Lyons, in the mountains of S. Claude,* the deposition of S. Romanus, abbot, who there first led a solitary life, and, famous for sanctity and miracles, became afterward the Father of many monks. At Pavia, the translation of the body of S. Augustin, bishop, out of the island of Sardinia, by the help of Luitprandus, king of the Lombards.

* Locis Jurensibus.

March.

D *The First Day.*

At Rome, of two hundred and threescore holy martyrs, who for the name of Christ were by the command of Claudius the emperor condemned first to dig sand without the gate called Salaria, and afterwards to be shot to death with arrows by the soldiers in the amphitheatre. Also the birth-day of the holy martyrs Leo, Donatus, Abundantius, Nicephorus, and nine others. At Marseille,* of the holy martyrs Hermes and Adrian. At Heliople, of S. Eudocia, martyr, who in the persecution of Trajan being baptized by Theodotus, bishop, and fortified against her combat, was by the command of Vincent, president, beheaded, and so received the crown of martyrdom. The same day of S. Antonina, martyr, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, for deriding the gods of the Paynims, after divers torments, being shut up in a vessel, was drowned in a lake by the city of Cea. At Werdt, of S. Swibert, bishop, who in the time of pope Sergius preached the gospel in Friesland, Holland, and in other parts of Germany. At Angers,† of S. Albin, bishop and confessor, a man renowned for virtue and holiness. At Mans,‡ of S. Siviard, abbot. At Perugia, the

* Massilia. † Andegavum. ‡ Cenomani.

translation of S. Herculan, bishop and martyr, who was beheaded by the command of Totilas, king of the Goths, whose body (as S. Gregory, pope, writes) upon the fortieth day after his beheading, was found so joined to the head, and so whole, as if it had never been touched by the sword.

E *The Second Day.*

At Rome, in the way called Latina, of the holy martyrs Jovinus and Basileus, who suffered under Valerian and Gallienus, emperors. Also at Rome, of many holy martyrs, who under Alexander, emperor, and Ulpian, judge, having been long tormented, at last received sentence of death. At Porto,* of the holy martyrs Paulus, Heraclius, Secundilla, and Januaria. At Cæsarea in Cappadocia, of the holy martyrs Lucius, bishop, Absolon, and Lorgius. In Campania, the commemoration of fourscore holy martyrs, who for that they would neither eat flesh which had been offered up to idols, nor adore the head of a goat, were by the Lombards most cruelly killed. At Rome, of S. Simplicius, pope and confessor. In England, of S. Chad, bishop of the Mercians and Northumbers,† whose renowned virtues are recorded by Bede.

* Portus Romanus. † Lindisfarne.

F *The Third Day.*

At Cæsarea in Palestine, of the holy martyrs Marinus, a soldier, and Asterius, a senator, the former of whom in the persecution of Valerian being accused by his fellow-soldiers for a Christian, and examined by the judge, with a loud voice confessing the same, with loss of his head purchased the crown of martyrdom. Whose body when Asterius, wrapping it in his own garment, took upon his shoulders to carry it away, he received the same honour which he had given to the martyr, himself immediately becoming a martyr. In Spain, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Emeterius and Chelidonius, who being soldiers in the camp at Leon* in Galicia, a storm of persecution arising, for the confession of Christ they went to Calahorra,† and there after many torments were crowned with martyrdom. The same day, the passion of the Saints Felix, Luciolus, Fortunatus, Marcias, and their companions. Moreover, of the holy soldiers Cleonicus, Eutropius, and Basiliseus, who in the persecution of Maximian, under Asclepiades, president, happily triumphed by the death of the cross. At Brescia,‡ of S. Titian, bishop and confessor. At Bamberge, of S. Cunegundes, empress, wife to Henry the First, emperor, who by his consent preserving her virginity, enriched with the merits of good works, ended her blessed days, and after her death was renowned for miracles.

* Legio. † Calagurris. ‡ Brixia.

G *The Fourth Day.*

At Vilna in Lithuania, of blessed Casimir, son to king Casimir, whom Leo the Tenth, bishop of Rome, canonized for a saint. At Rome, in the way called Appia, the birth-day of S. Lucius, pope and martyr, who being first sent into banishment for the faith of Christ in the persecution of Valerian, and afterward by God's providence permitted to return again to his church, when he had greatly laboured against the Novatians, by loss of his head accomplished his martyrdom; whom S. Cyprian has highly commended. At Rome, also in the same place, of nine hundred holy martyrs, who were buried in the church-yard at S. Cecily's. The same day, of S. Caius, a courtier, drowned in the sea, and of twenty-seven others. At Nicomedia, of S. Adrian, martyr, together with three-and-twenty others, who under Dioclesian, emperor, by having their thighs broken, accomplished their martyrdom; but S. Adrian's memory is chiefly celebrated upon the tenth of September, when his body was translated to Rome. Moreover, the passion of the Saints Archelaus, Cyril, and Photius. At Chersonesus, the passion of the holy bishops Basil, Eugenius, Agathodore, Elpidius, Aetherius, Capito, Ephræm, Nestor, and Arcadius.

A *The Fifth Day.*

At Antioch, the birth-day of S. Phocas, martyr, who after many injuries which he suffered for

the name of our Redeemer, how gloriously he triumphed over the old serpent, is even until this day declared to the world by a miracle, which is, that if any one be bitten of a serpent, as soon as with a firm faith he touches the gate of this martyr's church, the force of the venom vanishing, he is immediately cured. At Cæsarea in Palestine, of S. Adrian, martyr, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, for the faith of Christ, by command of Firmilian, president, being first cast unto a lion, afterwards slain by the sword, received the crown of martyrdom. The same day, the passion of the Saints Eusebius, a courtier, and nine other martyrs. At Cæsarea in Palestine, of S. Theophilus, bishop, who under Severus, emperor, was greatly renowned for wisdom and holiness of life. Moreover, in Palestine, upon the river Jordan, of S. Gerasimus, anchoret, who flourished in the time of Zeno the emperor. At Naples, the birth-day of S. John Joseph of the Cross.

B *The Sixth Day.*

At Nicomedia, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Victor and Victorinus, who, together with Claudian, and Bassa his wife, endured many torments for three whole years, and shut up in prison, there ended their lives. At Tortona,* of S. Marcian, bishop and martyr, who under Trajan killed for the glory of Christ, obtained a crown.

* Terdona.

At Constantinople, of S. Evagrius, who, chosen bishop by the Catholic party in the days of Valens the emperor, being by him sent into banishment, went unto our Lord. In Cyprus, of S. Conon, martyr, who under Decius the emperor having his feet stuck with nails, commanded to run before a chariot, falling upon his knees, in prayer gave up the ghost. Moreover, the passion of forty-two holy martyrs, who apprehended in Amorium, and brought into Syria, there, after a glorious combat, as conquerors received the palm of martyrdom. At Bolonia, of S. Basil, bishop, who, consecrated by S. Sylvester, pope, did both by word and example most holily govern the church committed to his charge.

C *The Seventh Day.*

In the monastery called Fossa-Nova, near unto Terracina, of S. Thomas of Aquin, confessor and doctor, of the Order of Preachers, renowned for his noble extraction, holiness of life, and knowledge in divinity. At Tuburbum in Mauritania, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Perpetua and Felicitas, the last of whom (as S. Augustin records,) being great with child, and her execution, according to the laws, deferred until she was delivered, whilst she was in travail she grieved, being cast unto the wild beasts, she rejoiced. There suffered also with them Revocatus, Saturninus, and Secundulus, of which the last died in

prison, but the two others, under Severus the emperor, were cast unto the beasts. At Cæsarea in Palestine, the passion of S. Eubulus, who being companion to S. Adrian, two days after him, first torn by the lions, and then slain by the sword, was the last that received the crown of martyrdom in that city. At Nicomedia, of S. Theophilus, bishop, who sent into banishment for the worship of holy images, there ended his life. At Pelusium, in Egypt, of S. Paul, bishop, who for the same cause died also in banishment. At Brescia,* of S. Gaudiosus, bishop and confessor. In Thebais, of S. Paul, surnamed the Simple.

D *The Eighth Day.*

At Anthios,† a city in Egypt, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Philemon and Apollonius, deacons, who apprehended and brought before the judge, for that they constantly refused to sacrifice unto idols, having their heels bored through, were in a horrid manner dragged through the city, and at last beheaded, accomplished their martyrdom. There also, the passion of the Saints Arian, president, Theoticus, and three others, whom the judge commanded to be drowned in the sea, but their bodies were brought to the shore by dolphins. At Nicomedia, of S. Quinctilis, bishop and martyr. At Carthage, of S. Pontius, deacon to S. Cyprian, bishop, who en-

* Brixia. † Antinoum.

during banishment with him, even to his dying day, left written a notable work of his life and passion, and continually glorifying God in his own sufferings, deserved the crown of life. Moreover, in Africa, of the Saints Cyril, bishop, Rogatus, Felix, and another Rogatus; also of Beata, Herenia, Felicitas, Urban, Silvan, and Mamillus. At Toledo in Spain, the deposition of S. Julian, bishop and confessor, renowned for his sanctity and learning. In England, of S. Felix, bishop, who converted the East-Angles to the faith.

E *The Ninth Day.*

At Rome, of S. Francisca, widow, renowned for her noble extraction, holiness of life, and grace of miracles. At Nyssa, the deposition of S. Gregory, bishop, brother to S. Basil the Great, greatly renowned for his life and learning, who for defending the Catholic faith, under Valens the Arian, emperor, was driven out of the city. At Barcelona in Spain, of S. Pacian, bishop, who famous for life and grace in preaching, died in extreme old age, in the time of Theodosius the emperor. In Moravia, of the holy bishops Cyril and Methodius, who converted to the faith of Christ many countries, together with their kings, in those parts. At Bologna, of S. Catharine, virgin, of the order of S. Clare, famous for holiness of life, whose body is there greatly honoured.

F *The Tenth Day.*

At Sebaste, in Armenia, the festivity of forty holy soldiers of Cappadocia, who in the time of Licinius the emperor, under Agricolaus, president, after chains and most filthy prisons, after having their faces beaten with stones, they were commanded to stand stark naked in the open air, in a frozen lake, in the coldest time of winter, where their bodies were chapped and broken with the vehemence of the frost, and at last by the breaking of their thighs they accomplished their martyrdom. The more noble amongst them were Cyrion and Candidus: S. Basil and other Fathers have celebrated in their writings the super-eminent glory of them all. Their feast was heretofore kept as upon yesterday, but by order of Innocent the Tenth, it is of late kept to-day, by reason of S. Francisca Romana put in their place. At Apamea, in Phrygia, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Caius and Alexander, who in the persecution of Marcus Antoninus, and Lucius Verus, were crowned with a glorious martyrdom, as writes Apollinaris, bishop of Hierapolis, in his book against the Cataphryges, heretics. In Persia, the passion of two-and-forty holy martyrs. At Corinth, of the holy martyrs Codratus, Denis, Cyprian, Anectus, Paul and Crescens, who in the persecution of Decius and Valerian, under Jason, president were beheaded. In Africa, of S. Vic-

tor, martyr, on whose feast S. Augustin made a sermon to the people. At Jerusalem, of S. Macarius, bishop and confessor, by whose persuasion the holy places there were purged by Constantine and Helena, and adorned with sacred and goodly churches. At Paris, the deposition of S. Droctovæus, abbot, disciple to S. German, bishop. In the monastery of Bobio, of S. Attalas, abbot, renowned for miracles.

G *The Eleventh Day.*

At Carthage, of the holy martyrs Heraclius and Zozimus. At Alexandria, the passion of the Saints Candidus, Pipirion, and twenty others. At Laodicea in Syria, of the holy martyrs Trophimus and Thalus, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, after many and cruel torments, obtained crowns of glory. At Antioch, the commemoration of many holy martyrs, whereof some by the command of Maximian the emperor, were broiled upon hot gridirons, not to kill them, but to put them to a long torment: others, afflicted with other most cruel torments, received the triumphant palm of martyrdom. Also of the Saints Gorgonius and Firmus. At Cordova,* of S. Eulogius, priest, who in the persecution of the Saracens deserved to be joined to the martyrs of that city, whose glorious combats for the faith he had

* Corduba.

emulated by writing of them. At Sardis, of S. Euthymius, bishop, who for the worship of holy images was by the emperor Michael the Iconoclast* banished, and under Theophilus, emperor, accomplished his martyrdom. At Jerusalem, of S. Sophronius, bishop. At Milan, of S. Benet, bishop. In the territory of Amiens,† of S. Firmin, abbot. At Carthage, of S. Constantine, confessor. At Babucum in Campania,‡ of S. Peter, confessor, renowned for miracles.

A *The Twelfth Day.*

At Rome, of S. Gregory, pope, and famous doctor of the Church, who for his renowned acts, and for converting the English to the faith of Christ, is surnamed the Great, and called the apostle of the English. Also at Rome, of S. Mamillian, martyr. At Nicomedia, the passion of S. Peter, martyr, who being chamberlain to Dioclesian the emperor, for complaining freely of the too cruel torments of the martyrs, was by the emperor's command first hanged up from the ground, torn for a long time together with whips, then salt and vinegar poured into his wounds, was at last broiled upon a gridiron with a soft fire, and so became the true heir of S. Peter's faith and name. There also, of the Saints Egdunius, priest, and seven others, who one by one upon divers days were strangled, for the greater terror of

* Image-breaker. † Ambianum. ‡ Hermici.

those which remained. At Constantinople, of S. Theophanes, who of a very rich man becoming a poor monk, was by the wicked emperor Leo Armenus, for the worship of holy images, kept two years in prison, and thence banished into Samo-thracia, where, worn out with miseries, he ended his life, and was famous for many miracles. At Capua, of S. Bernard, bishop and confessor.

B *The Thirteenth Day.*

At Nicomedia, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Macedonius, and Patricia, his wife, and Modesta their daughter. At Nice, of the holy martyrs Theuseta, and Horres, his son, Theodora, Nimphadora, Marcus, and Arabia, who all were burned for Christ. At Hermople, in Egypt, of S. Sabin, martyr, who after many sufferings, at last drowned in a river, finished his martyrdom. In Persia, of S. Christina, virgin and martyr. At Cordova,* of the Saints Rudericus, priest, and Salomon, martyrs. At Constantinople, of S. Nicephorus, bishop, who being a zealous defender of his forefathers' traditions, opposed himself with great courage for the worship of holy images, against Leo Armenus, the Iconoclast,† by whom being banished, enduring a long martyrdom for fourteen years, he went unto our Lord. At Camerino, of S. Ansovinus, bishop and confessor. In Thebais, the deposition of S. Euphrasia, virgin.

* Corduba. † Image-breaker.

C *The Fourteenth Day.*

At Rome, the birth-day of seven-and-forty holy martyrs, who were baptized by S. Peter the apostle, whilst together with his fellow-apostle S. Paul he was for nine months kept in the prison called Mamertine: they all for the most devout confession of their faith died by the sword of Nero. In Africa, of the holy martyrs Peter and Aphrodisius, who in the persecution of the Vandals received the crown of martyrdom. At Carrha,* in Mesopotamia, of S. Eutychius, a senator, and his companions, who by Evelid, king of Arabia, were killed for the confession of their faith. In the province of Valeria, of two holy monks, whom the Lombards hanged upon a tree, who there, though dead, were heard to sing, even of their enemies. In the same persecution also, a deacon of the Church of the Marsians was beheaded for his confession of the faith. At Halberstat, in Germany, the departure out of this life of S. Mathildis, queen, mother to Otho the emperor, first of that name, renowned for humility and patience.

D *The Fifteenth Day.*

At Cæsarea in Cappadocia, the passion of S. Longinus, a soldier, who is said to be the same that pierced our Lord's side with a spear. The

* Now called Ofra.

same day, the birth-day of S. Aristobulus, disciple of the apostles, who having ended the course of his preaching, finished his martyrdom. At Thessalonica, of S. Matrona, servant to a certain Jewish woman, who secretly worshipping Christ, and stealing every day privately to the church to pray, at length taken by her mistress, and many ways afflicted, was finally with great cudgels beaten to death, giving up her pure soul to God in the confession of Christ. The same day, of S. Menignus, a dyer, who suffered under Decius. In Egypt, of S. Nicander, martyr, who as he was diligently seeking for the relics of holy martyrs, deserved to be made a martyr himself, under Dioclesian the emperor. At Cordova,* of S. Leocritia, virgin and martyr. At Rome, the birth-day of S. Zachary, pope, who with great vigilance governed the Church of God, and renowned for his merits rested in peace. At Riete,† of S. Probus, bishop, at whose death Juvenal and Eleutherius, martyrs, were present. At Rome, of S. Speciosus, monk, whose soul his brother saw carried up to heaven.

E *The Sixteenth Day.*

At Rome, the passion of S. Cyriacus, deacon who after the maceration of a long imprisonment, had melted pitch poured upon him, and stretched

* Corduba. † Reate.

upon a rack, drawn out also with cords made of sinews, and beaten with clubs, was at last, together with Largus and Smaragdus, and twenty others, by the command of Maximian beheaded. But their festivity is kept upon the eighth of August, on which day their bodies were taken up by pope Marcellus, and honourably entombed. At Aquileia, the birth-day of S. Hilary, bishop, and Tatian, deacon, who under Numerian, emperor, and Beronius, president, having been cruelly racked and otherwise tormented, together with Felix, Largus, and Denis, finished their martyrdom. In Lycaonia, of S. Papas, martyr, who for the faith of Christ was whipped, torn with iron hooks, and forced to go in shoes stuck full of nails, and lastly, tied to a tree, went to our Lord; whereby that tree, which before was barren, became fruitful. At Axar,* in Cilicia, of S. Julian, martyr, who having been a long time tormented under Marcian the president, was at last sewed up in a sack with serpents, and cast into the sea. At Ravenna, of S. Agapitus, bishop and confessor. At Cullen, of S. Heribert, bishop, renowned for sanctity. At Auvergne,† the deposition of S. Patrick, bishop. In Syria, of S. Abraham, hermit, whose famous acts are written by S. Ephrem, deacon.

* Anazarbum. † Arvernum.

F *The Seventeenth Day.*

In Ireland, the birth-day of S. Patrick, bishop and confessor, who first preached Christ in that nation, and was famous for extraordinary miracles and virtues. At Jerusalem, of S. Joseph of Arimathea, a senator of noble extraction, and disciple of our Lord, who taking down His body from the cross, buried it in his own new sepulchre. At Rome, of the Saints Alexander and Theodorus, martyrs. At Alexandria, the commemoration of many holy martyrs, who being laid hold on by the worshippers of Serapis, for that they constantly refused to adore the idol, were barbarously killed in the days of Theodosius the emperor; who being advertised thereof, forthwith gave command that the temple of Serapis should be destroyed. At Constantinople, of S. Paul, martyr, who under Constantine Copronymus, for that he defended the worship of holy images, was burned. At Chaalon,* in France, of S. Agricola, bishop. At Nivelle,† in Brabant, of S. Gertrude, virgin, who descended of noble parentage, despising the world, and spending all her life in the exercise of all sorts of pious works, deserved to have Christ for her spouse in heaven.

G *The Eighteenth Day.*

At Cæsarea in Palestine, the birth-day of S. Alexander, who coming out of Cappadocia from

Cabilo. † Nivigella.

his own city, where he was bishop, to visit the holy places at Jerusalem, (Narcissus, bishop of that city, being an old man) took upon him by divine revelation the charge of that Church; but afterwards, when he was now venerable for his grey hairs, in the persecution of Decius, being sent to Cæsarea, and shut up in prison for the confession of Christ, he accomplished his martyrdom. At Ausburge,* of S. Narcissus, bishop, who first preaching the Gospel in Rhætia, then going into Spain, having converted many to the faith of Christ at Girona, here in the persecution of Dioclesian, together with Felix, deacon, he received the palm of Martyrdom. At Nicomedia, of ten thousand holy martyrs, who for the confession of Christ were put to death by the sword. Also of the holy martyrs Trophimus and Eucarpius. In England, of S. Edward, king, who killed by the treachery of his step-mother, was renowned for many miracles. At Jerusalem, of S. Cyril, bishop, who having suffered many injuries from the Arians for the faith, and been oftentimes driven out of his church, at length, famous for sanctity of life, died in peace: of whose unspotted faith a General Council, writing to Damasus, gives an honourable testimony. At Luca, in Tuscany, the birth-day of S. Frigidian, bishop renowned for miracles, whose festivity is chiefly kept upon the eighteenth of November, when his body was translated. At Mantua, of S. Anselm, bishop and confessor.

* Augusta Rhætorum. † Gerunda.

A *The Nineteenth Day.*

In Jewry, the birth-day of S. Joseph, spouse of the most Blessed Virgin Mary. At Sorrento,* of the holy martyrs Quinctus, Quinctilla, Quartilla, and Mark, with nine others. At Nicomedia, of S. Pancharius, a Roman, who under Dioclesian being beheaded, received the crown of martyrdom. The same day, of the Saints Apollonius and Leontius, bishops. At Gaunt, of the Saints Landoald, priest, a Roman, and Amantius, deacon, who sent to preach the Gospel by S. Martin, pope, became renowned for miracles after their death. At the city of Pinna,† the birth-day of S. John, a man of great holiness, who coming out of Syria into Italy, erecting there a monastery, became father of many servants of God; and when he had governed the same four-and-forty years, renowned for holiness, rested in peace.

B *The Twentieth Day.*

In Jewry, of S. Joachim, father of the most Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. In Asia, the birth-day of S. Archippus, companion of S. Paul the Apostle, of whom he makes mention in his Epistle to Philemon, and to the Colossians. In Syria, of the holy martyrs Paul, Cyril, Eugenius, and four others. The same day, of

* Surrentum. † Cittadi Penna.

the Saints Photina, a Samaritan, Joseph and Victor, her sons, and also of Sebastian, a captain, Anatolius, Photius, Photides, Parasceves, and Cyriaca, sisters, who all suffered martyrdom for the confession of Christ. At Amisus, in Paphlagonia, of seven holy women, Alexandra, Claudia, Euphrasia, Matrona, Juliana, Euphemia, and Theodosia, who were slain for the confession of their faith; and Derphuta and her sister followed them. At Apollonia, of S. Nicetas, bishop, who sent into banishment for the worship of holy images, gave up his soul. In the monastery of Fontanelle, of S. Wulfran, bishop of Sens,* who resigning his bishopric, renowned for miracles, there ended his days. In England, the deposition of S. Cuthbert, bishop of Lindisfarne, who even from his childhood to his dying day, was renowned for his holy works and miracles. At Siena, in Tuscany, of Blessed Ambrose, of the order of S. Dominick, famous for sanctity of life, preaching, and miracles.

C *The One-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Mount-Cassin, the birth-day of S. Benet, abbot, who restored monastical discipline in the West, almost decayed, and wonderfully propagated the same: whose life, renowned for sanctity and miracles, S. Gregory, pope, has written. At Alexandria, the commemoration of the holy mar-

* Senones.

tyrs, who under Constantius the emperor, and Philagrius, governor, were slain in the Church upon Good-Friday, by the Arians and Gentiles breaking in upon them. The same day, of the holy martyrs Philemon and Domninus. At Catana, of S. Birillus, who, created bishop by S. Peter, having converted many Gentiles to the faith, in a good old age rested in peace. At Alexandria, of blessed Serapion, anchoret, and bishop of Thmuis, a man of great virtue; who banished by the fury of the Arians, went unto our Lord. In the territory of Lyons, of S. Lupicin, abbot, whose life was renowned for sanctity and miracles.

D *The Two-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Narbonne in France, the birth-day of S. Paul, bishop, disciple of the Apostles, who is held by tradition to have been Sergius Paulus the proconsul, whom S. Paul the Apostle baptized, and left at Narbonne when he went into Spain; where being made bishop, and carefully performing the office of preaching, famous for miracles he went unto our Lord. At Terracina, of S. Epaphroditus, disciple of the Apostles, who was ordained bishop of that city by S. Peter the Apostle. In Africa, of the holy martyrs Saturninus, and nine others. The same day, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Callinica and Basilissa. At Ancyra, of S. Basil, priest and martyr, who having suffered most grievous torments under Julian the apostate,

gave up his soul to God. At Carthage, of S. Octavian, archdeacon, and of many thousand martyrs, who were killed by the Vandals for the Catholic faith. There also, of S. Deogratias, bishop of Carthage, who redeemed many of that city, made captives by the Vandals, and famous for other pious works went to rest in our Lord. At Osmo,* in Marc-Ancona,† of S. Benvenutus, bishop. In Sweden, of S. Catharine, virgin, daughter to S. Brigit. At Rome, of S. Lea, widow, whose virtues and death S. Jerom relates.

E *The Three-and-Twentieth Day.*

In Africa, of the holy martyrs Victorian, proconsul of Carthage, and of two brothers of Aquaregia: also of Frumentius, and of another Frumentius, both merchants, who in the persecution of the Vandals, (as writes Vistor of Africa, bishop,) under Hunnericus the Arian, king, having been most cruelly tormented for their constancy in the Catholic faith, were gloriously crowned. Moreover, in Africa, of S. Fidelis, martyr. There also, of S. Felix, and twenty others. At Cæsarea in Palestine, of the holy martyrs Nicon, and ninety-nine others. Moreover, the crowning of the holy martyrs Domitius, Pelagia, Aquila, Eparebius, and Theodosia. At Antioch, of S. Theodulus, priest. At Cæsarea, of S. Julian, confessor. In Campania, of S. Benet, monk, who

* Auximum. † Picenum.

being shut up within a burning furnace by the Goths, the next day was found without any hurt.

F *The Four-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Rome, of the holy martyrs Mark and Timothy, who under Antoninus the emperor were crowned with martyrdom. There also, of S. Epigmenius, priest, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, under Turpius, judge, being beheaded, accomplished his martyrdom. Moreover, at Rome, the passion of blessed Pigmenius, priest, who under Julian the apostate, for the faith of Christ, was cast headlong into the river Tiber, and drowned. At Cæsarea in Palestine, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Timolaus, Denis, Pausides, Romulus, Alexander, and of another Alexander, Agapius, and another Denys, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, under Urban, president, being beheaded, deserved the crown of eternal life. In Mauritania, the birth-day of the Saints Romulus and Secundus, brothers, who suffered for the faith of Christ. At Trent,* the passion of S. Simeon, a child, most cruelly murdered by the Jews, who afterwards was renowned for many miracles. At Sinnadis, in Phrygia, of S. Agapitus, bishop. At Brescia, of S. Latinus, bishop. In Syria, of S. Seleucus, confessor.

* Tridentum.

G *The Five-and-Twentieth Day.*

THE Annunciation of the most blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. At Rome, of S. Quirinus, martyr, who under Claudius the emperor, after the loss of his goods, most loathsome imprisonment, and the torment of many stripes, was beheaded, and cast into the river Tiber; whom the Christians finding in the island of Lycaonia, buried in the church-yard of Pontian. There also, of two hundred threescore and two holy martyrs. At Sirmium, the passion of S. Irenæus, bishop and martyr, who in the time of Maximian, emperor, under Probus, president, after most bitter torments, and affliction of many days' imprisonment, was at last beheaded. At Nicomedia, of S. Dula, maid-servant to a certain soldier, who slain for defence of her chastity, deserved the crown of martyrdom. At Jerusalem, the commemoration of the holy Thief, who confessing Christ upon the cross, deserved to hear from Him these words: "This day thou shalt be with me in Paradise." At Laodicea, of S. Pelagius, bishop, who in the time of Valens having suffered banishment, and other afflictions for the Catholic faith, went to rest in our Lord. At Pistorium, of the holy confessors Barontius and Desiderius. In Antri, a little island upon the river Leyre,* of S. Hemeland, abbot, whose glorious conversation of life is greatly commended by the fame of miracles.

* Ligeris.

A *The Six-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Rome, in the way called Lavicana, of S. Castulus, martyr, Master* of the withdrawing rooms in Dioclesian's palace, and a harbourer of saints; who being thrice hanged up by the hands, and thrice examined by the persecutors, persevering in the confession of our Lord, was thrown into a pit, and, overwhelmed with a great mass of sand cast upon him, was crowned with martyrdom. There also, the crowning of the holy martyrs Peter, Marcian, Jovinus, Thecla, Cassian, and others. At Pentapolis, in Lybia, the birthday of the holy martyrs Theodore, bishop, Irenæus, deacon, Serapion and Ammonius, lectors. At Sirmium, of the holy martyrs Montanus, priest, and Maxima, who for the faith of Christ were drowned in a river. Moreover, of the holy martyrs Quadratus, Theodosius, Emmanuel, and forty others. At Alexandria, of the holy martyrs Eutychius, and others, who in the time of Constantius, under George, the Arian bishop, for defence of the Catholic faith, were beheaded. The same day, of S. Ludgerus, bishop of Munster,† who preached the Gospel of Christ to the Saxons. At Saragossa,‡ in Spain, of S. Braulius, bishop and confessor. At Trevers, of S. Felix, bishop.

* Zetarius † Monasterium. ‡ Cæsar-augusta.

B *The Seven-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Drizipara, in Pannonia, of S. Alexander, a soldier, who under Maximian, emperor, after he had overcome many torments for Christ, and wrought many miracles, by having his head cut off accomplished his martyrdom. The same day, of the Saints Philetus, a senator, Lydia his wife, and Macedo and Theoprepides, their children: also of Amphilochius, a captain, and Cronidas, a notary, who were all killed for confessing of Christ. In Persia, of the holy martyrs Zanitas, Lazarus, Merotas, Narses, and five others, who under Sapor, king of Persia, cruelly killed, deserved the palm of martyrdom. At Saltzburg,* of S. Rupertus, bishop and confessor, who wonderfully propagated the gospel in Bavaria and Styria.† In Egypt, of S. John, hermit, a man of great holiness, who, amongst other signs of his virtues, was replenished with the spirit of prophecy, and foretold Theodosius the emperor of his victories against the tyrants Maximus and Eugenius.

C *The Eight-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Cæsarea in Palestine, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Priscus, Malcus, and Alexander, who in the persecution of Valerian, dwelling in the suburbs of the city, and seeing that celestial

* Salis-burgum. † Noricum.

crowns of martyrdom were offered to such as had the courage to accept thereof, inflamed with an heavenly ardour of faith, went of their own accord to the judge, and rebuked him for his cruel shedding of the blood of Saints; whom he caused presently to be cast unto the beasts, for the name of Christ. At Tharsus in Cilicia, of the holy martyrs Castor and Dorotheus. Also of the Saints Philetus and his companions, who were martyred under Adrian the emperor. In Africa, of the holy martyrs Rogatus, Successus, and sixteen others. At Rome, of S. Xystus, pope, the third of that name, and confessor. At Nursia, of S. Speus, abbot, a man of wonderful patience, whose soul at his departure out of this life, was seen by all the monks to fly up to heaven in form of a dove. At Chaalon* in France, the deposition of blessed Guntramnus, king of that nation, who giving himself wholly to the exercise of piety, and contemning the vanities of the world, distributed his treasures to churches and the poor.

D *The Nine-and-Twentieth Day.*

In Persia, of the holy martyrs Jonas and Barachisius, under Sapor, king of Persia, of whom Jonas, pressed in a vice until his bones were broken, was divided in the midst; the other, having his mouth filled with burning pitch, was stifled.

* Cabilone.

At Heliople, near Mount Libanus, of S. Cyril, deacon and martyr, whose belly was ripped open, and his liver plucked out, which the heathens most brutishly devoured, under Julian the apostate. At Nicomedia, the passion of the holy martyrs Pastor, Vistorinus, and their companions. In Africa, of the holy confessors Armogastes, an earl, Masculas, a Master of Interludes, and Saturus, steward of the king's house, who in the persecution of the Vandals, under Geisericus the Arian king, having endured many and grievous torments and reproaches for the confession of the truth, finished the course of their glorious combat. At Aste,* of S. Secundus, martyr. In the monastery Luxovium, the deposition of S. Eustasius, abbot, disciple of S. Columban, who was father of almost six hundred monks, and famous for holiness of life, was also renowned for miracles.

E *The Thirtieth Day.*

At Rome, in the way Appia, the passion of S. Quirinus, tribune, who having pope Alexander prisoner in his house, was by him, with all his family, baptized; and under Adrian the emperor, being delivered up to Aurelian, judge, persevering in his confession of the faith, after the cutting out of his tongue, racking upon the torture *Equuleus,* and the cutting off of his hands and

* Asta Pompeia.

feet, he finished the combat of his martyrdom by the sword. At Thessalonica, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Domninus, Victor, and their companions. At Constantinople, the commemoration of many holy martyrs, who, being of the Catholic communion, were in the time of Constantius the emperor, by Macedonius, the arch-heretic, killed by divers unheard-of torments: for amongst others, they pressed Christian women's breasts between the covers of chests, and so cut them off, and after seared them with a hot iron. At Senlis,* the deposition of S. Regulus, bishop of Arles.† At Orleans,‡ in France, of S. Pastor, bishop. At Syracusa, of S. Zozimus, bishop and confessor. In Mount Sina, of S. John Climacus, abbot. At Aquino,§ of S. Clinius, confessor.

F *The One-and-Thirtieth Day.*

At Thecue, in Palestine, of S. Amos, prophet, who was often whipped by Amasias the priest, and by his own son Ozias thrust through the temples with an iron bar, and after this carried half alive into his country, there gave up the ghost, and was buried with his ancestors. In Africa, of the holy martyrs Theodulus, Anesius, Felix, Cornelia, and their companions. In Persia, of S. Benjamin, deacon, who for that he would not cease to preach the word of God, was under king

* Sylvanectum. † Arelatum. ‡ Aurelianum. § Aquinum.

Isdegerdes pricked under the nails with sharp reeds, and finally, having a thorny stake thrust through his body, accomplished his martyrdom. At Rome, of S. Balbina, virgin, daughter to S. Quirinus, martyr, who, baptized by S. Alexander the pope, after she had happily ended the course of this life, was buried near to her father, in the way called Appia.

April.

G *The First Day.*

At Rome, the passion of S. Theodora, sister to the famous martyr Hermes, who suffering martyrdom under Adrian the emperor, by Aurelian, judge, was buried near to her brother, in the way called Salaria, not far from the city. The same day, of S. Venantius, bishop and martyr. In Egypt, of the holy martyrs Victor and Stephen. In Armenia, of the holy martyrs Quinctian and Irenæus. At Constantinople, of S. Macarius, confessor, who under Leo the emperor, for the defence of holy images, ended his life in banishment. At Grenoble,* of S. Hugh, bishop, who lived many years a solitary life in the wilderness, and renowned for miracles, went unto our Lord. At Amiens,† of S. Vallericus, abbot, whose sepulchre is honoured with frequent miracles.

* Gratianopolis. † Ambianum.

A *The Second Day.*

Of S. Francis of Paula, the founder of the order of the Minims, who, renowned for virtue and miracles, was canonized for a Saint by pope Leo the Tenth. At Cæsarea in Palestine, the birthday of S. Amphian, martyr, who in the persecution of Galerius Maximian, reproving the president Urban for sacrificing unto idols, was barbarously slashed with knives, and most cruelly tormented by having his feet wrapped in flax, dipped in oil, set on fire, and was at last drowned in the sea, and so through fire and water passed to an everlasting repose. There also, the passion of S. Theodosia, a virgin of Tyrus, who in the same persecution, for openly saluting the holy confessors as they stood at the bar, and craving of them to be remembered when they should come before our Lord, apprehended by the soldiers, and brought before Urban the president, having her sides and breasts by his command torn to her very entrails, was finally cast into the sea. At Lyons,* of S. Nicetius, bishop of the same city, renowned for sanctity and miracles. At Como,† of S. Abundius, bishop and confessor. At Langres,‡ of S. Urban, bishop. In Palestine, the deposition of S. Mary the Egyptian, surnamed the Sinner.

* Lugdunum. † Comum. ‡ Lingones.

B *The Third Day.*

At Taormina,* in Sicily, of S. Pancratius, bishop, who with the blood of martyrdom sealed the Gospel of Christ, which he had there preached, being sent thither by S. Peter the apostle. At Tomis, in Scythia, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Evagrius and Benignus. At Thessalonica, the passion of the holy virgins Agape and Chionia, under Dioclesian the emperor, who for the confession of Christ were first starved in prison, and afterwards cast into the fire, but untouched of the flame, there in prayer gave up their souls to God. At Tyrus, of S. Ulpian, martyr, who in the persecution of Maximian Galerius, being sewed up in a sack, together with a serpent and a dog, was drowned in the sea. In the monastery of Meditz in the East, of S. Nicetas, abbot, who for the worship of holy images suffered much under Leo Armenus. In England, of S. Richard, bishop of Chichester, renowned for holiness and miracles. There also, of S. Burgundosora, abbess and virgin.

C *The Fourth Day.*

At Thessalonica, of the holy martyrs Agathopus, deacon, and Theodulus, lector, who under Maximian the emperor, and Faustin, president,

* Tauromenium.

for the confession of the Christian faith, having a great stone tied about their necks, were drowned in the sea. At Milan, the deposition of S. Ambrose, bishop and confessor, by whose endeavours, amongst other monuments of his learning and miracles, all Italy almost was converted to the Catholic faith, in the time of the Arian heresy. At Seville,* in Spain, of S. Isidore, bishop, famous for holiness of life and learning; who for his zeal of the Catholic faith, and observation of ecclesiastical discipline, was a great ornament unto Spain. At Constantinople, of S. Plato, monk, who with invincible courage opposed himself many years against heretics, breakers of holy images. In Palestine, of S. Zozimus, anchoret, who buried the body of S. Mary the Egyptian.

D *The Fifth Day.*

At Thessalonica, of S. Irenes, virgin, who for hiding holy books contrary to the edict of Dioclesian, after she had suffered imprisonment, was shot with an arrow, and burned by the command of Dulcetius, president, under whom also her sisters Agape and Chionia had been martyred before. In the island of Lesbos,† the passion of five holy martyrs. The same day, of S. Zeno, martyr, who having his skin plucked off, daubed all over with pitch, was so cast into the fire. In Africa, the passion of the holy martyrs, who in

* Hispalis. † Now called Metelin.

the persecution of Geisericus, the Arian king, were killed in the church upon Easter-day; amongst whom the lector, as he sung alleluia at the desk, was shot through the throat with an arrow. At Vannes,* in Little Brittany, of S. Vincent, confessor, surnamed Ferrerius, of the order of Preachers, who, powerful both in words and deeds, converted many thousands of infidels to Christ.

E *The Sixth Day.*

At Rome, the birth-day of S. Sixtus, pope and martyr, who in the days of Adrian the emperor governing the Church, at last willingly suffered a temporal death to gain Christ, under Antoninus Pius. In Macedonia, of the holy martyrs Timothy and Diogenes. In Persia, of six-score holy martyrs. At Scalona,† the passion of S. Platonides, and two other holy martyrs. At Carthage, of S. Marcellinus, martyr, who for defending the Catholic faith was slain by the heretics. At Rome, of S. Celestine, pope, who condemned Nestorius, bishop of Constantinople, and made Pelagius fly. By whose authority also the holy General Council of Ephesus was celebrated, against the said Nestorius. In Ireland, of S. Celsus, bishop, predecessor to S. Malachy. In Denmark, of S. William, abbot, renowned for his life and miracles.

* Venetiæ. † Ascalon.

The Seventh Day.

In Africa, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Epiphanius, bishop, Donatus, Rufinus, and thirteen others. At Synope, in Pontus, of two hundred holy martyrs. In Cilicia, of S. Calliopius, martyr, who under Maximus, governor, after other torments, being crucified with his head downward, was crowned with a noble martyrdom. At Nicomedia, of S. Cyriacus, and ten other martyrs. At Alexandria, of S. Peleusius, priest and martyr. At Rome, of S. Hegisippus, who, living near to the Apostles' time, came to Rome to pope Anicetas, and there remained until pope Eleutherius, and wrote in a simple style the history of the Church, from the passion of Christ unto his days, imitating therein the simplicity of their lives, by the plainness of his style. At Verona, of S. Saturninus, bishop and confessor. In Syria, of S. Aphraates, anchoret, who in the time of Valens defended the Catholic faith against the Arians by the power of miracles.

G *The Eighth Day.*

At Alexandria, of S. Ædesius, martyr, brother to S. Appian, who for that, under Maximian Galerius, emperor, he openly reprehended a wicked judge for delivering over to corruptors of chastity virgins consecrated to God, being apprehended

by the soldiers, and put to most cruel torments, was finally for Christ our Lord drowned in the sea. In Africa, of the holy martyrs Januarius, Maxima, and Macaria. At Carthage, of S. Concessa, martyr. The same day, the commemoration of the Saints Herodion, Asyncritus, and Phlegon, of whom S. Paul makes mention in his epistle to the Romans. At Corinth, of S. Denys, bishop, who by his learning and grace in preaching, not only instructed the people of his own city and diocese, but by his letters instructed also the bishops of other provinces and cities; and he so greatly honoured the bishops of Rome, that he was accustomed to read their letters publicly upon Sundays in the church. He lived with renown in the days of Marcus Antoninus Verus, and Lucius Aurelius Commodus. At Tours,* of S. Perpetuus, bishop, a man of wonderful holiness. At Fiorentino,† in Campania, of S. Redemptus, bishop, of whom S. Gregory, pope, makes mention. At Como, of S. Amantius, bishop and confessor.

A *The Ninth Day.*

At Antioch, of S. Prochorus, who was one of the seven first deacons, and renowned for faith and miracles, received the crown of martyrdom. At Rome, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Demetrius, Concessus, Hilary, and their companions.

* Turones. † Ferentinum.

At Sirmium, the passion of seven holy virgins and martyrs, who all together with the price of their blood bought themselves life everlasting. At Cæsarea in Cappadocia, of S. Eupsychius, martyr, who for overthrowing the temple of Fortune, under Julian the Apostate accomplished his martyrdom. In Africa, of the holy Massylitan martyrs, upon whose birth-day S. Augustin made a sermon. At Amida,* in Mesopotamia, of S. Acatius, bishop, who to redeem captives, melted and sold even the holy vessels of his Church. At Roan,† of S. Hugh, bishop and confessor. In the city of Die,‡ of S. Marcellus, bishop, famous for miracles. In Jewry, of S. Mary Cleophas, sister to the most Holy Mary, the Mother of God. At Rome, the translation of the body of S. Monica, mother to S. Augustin, bishop, which under pope Martin the Fifth was brought from Ostia unto the city, and there most honourably entombed in the church of the same S. Augustin.

B *The Tenth Day.*

Of Ezechiel the prophet, who by the judge of the people of Israel, for that he rebuked him for worshipping of idols, was slain in Babylon, and buried in the sepulchre of Sem and Arphaxad, the progenitors of Abraham, whereunto many were wont to resort, there to make their prayers.

* Now called Emet. † Rhotomagus.
‡ Civitas Diensis, five Dia Augusta.

At Rome, the birth-day of many holy martyrs baptized by S. Alexander, pope, whilst he was in prison; who being all put into an old rotten ship, were by the command of Aurelian, governor, carried into the deep sea, and there, with stones tied to their necks, were drowned. At Alexandria, of the holy martyrs Apollonius, priest, and five others, who in the persecution of Maximinus, were drowned in the sea. In Africa, of the holy martyrs Terentius, African, Pompey, and their companions, who under Decius the emperor, and Fortunian, governor, having been whipped, racked, and diversely tormented, at last beheaded, accomplished their martyrdom. The same day, of S. Macarius, bishop of Antioch, renowned for his virtues and miracles.

C *The Eleventh Day.*

At Rome, of S. Leo, pope and confessor, who for his renowned virtue and merits is surnamed the Great. In his days was celebrated the holy Council of Chalcedon, in which, by his legates, he condemned Eutyches, and confirmed the decrees of the said Council by his authority; and after he had written many learned books, and decreed many things for the good of the universal church and flock of Christ, he departed this life in peace. At Pergamus, in Asia, of S. Antipas, a faithful witness, of whom S. John makes mention in his Apocalypse; who under Domitian the emperor

being shut up in a hot burning ox of brass, accomplished his martyrdom. At Salona, in Dalmatia, of the holy martyrs Domnion, bishop, and eight soldiers. At Gortina, in Candia,* of S. Philip, bishop, renowned both for his life and learning, who in the days of Marcus Antoninus Verus, and Lucius Aurelius Commodus, governing the Church committed to his charge, defended the same against the fury of the Gentiles, and deceitful practices of the heretics. At Nicomedia, of S. Eustorgius, priest. At Spoleto, of S. Isaac, monk and confessor, whose virtues are mentioned by S. Gregory, pope. At Gaza, in Palestine, of S. Basanuphius, anchoret, in the days of Justinian the emperor.

D *The Twelfth Day.*

At Verona, the passion of S. Zeno, bishop, who amidst the storms of persecution, governed that church with great constancy, and in the days of Gallienus was crowned with martyrdom. In Cappadocia, of S. Sabas, a Goth, who under Valens the emperor, Athanaricus, king of the Goths, persecuting the Christians, after cruel torments was cast into a river. At which time also (as S. Augustin witnesseth,) many of the orthodox Goths were crowned with martyrdom. At Braga,† in Portugal, of S. Victor, martyr, who being yet but a catechumen, refusing to worship an idol, and

* Creta. † Bracarum.

with great constancy confessing Jesus Christ, after many torments being beheaded, was baptized in his own blood. At Fermo, in Marc-Ancona,* of S. Vissia, virgin and martyr. At Rome, in the way called Aurelia, the birth-day of S. Julius, pope, who having greatly laboured in defence of the Catholic faith against the Arians, and done many notable things, renowned for holiness, rested in peace. At the town of Vaping,† of S. Constantine, bishop and confessor. At Pavia, of S. Damian, bishop.

E *The Thirteenth Day.*

At Seville, in Spain, of S. Hermenegild, son of Leovigild, an Arian, king of the West-Goths, who being cast into prison for confession of the Catholic faith, and refusing to communicate at Easter at the hands of an Arian bishop, by the command of his faithless father was beheaded, and so, for the loss of a temporal kingdom, entered into a heavenly, both a king and martyr. At Pergamus, in Asia, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Carpus, bishop of Thyatira, Papylus, deacon, and Agathonica, his sister, a most holy woman; also of Agathodorus, their servant, and of many others, who after divers torments for the confession of the faith, were crowned with martyrdom in the persecution of Marcus Antoninus Verus, and Lucius Aurelius Commodus. In which persecution

* Picenum. † In France.

also at Rome suffered that famous man, Justin the Philosopher, who after he had offered up to the aforesaid emperors his second Apology for the defence of our religion, and there by way of disputation had stoutly defended the same, being accused to be a Christian, by the deceitful means of Crescens, the Cynic philosopher, (whose wicked life and manners he had rebuked,) in recompense of his faithful confession received the reward of martyrdom. The same day, the passion of the Saints Maximus, Quinctilian, and Dadas, in the persecution of Dioclesian. At Ravenna, of S. Ursus, bishop and confessor.

F *The Fourteenth Day.*

At Rome, in the way called Appia, the birthday of the holy martyrs Tiburtius, Valerian, and Maximus, under Alexander the emperor, and Almachius, governor; of whom the two first being converted unto Christ by the exhortation of S. Cecily, and baptized by S. Urban, pope, were for the confession of the faith beaten with clubs, and afterward beheaded. But Maximus, being one of the governor's chamber, moved with their constancy, and confirmed by an angel which appeared unto him, believing in Christ, was so long beaten with whips of lead until he gave up the ghost. At Teramo,* of S. Proculus, bishop and martyr. Also of S. Domnina, virgin and martyr,

* Interamna.

together with other virgins, her companions. At Alexandria, of S. Thomaides, martyr. The same day, of S. Ardalion, a stage-player, who whilst upon the stage he scoffed at the holy ceremonies of Christians, being changed upon a sudden, approved the same not only in words, but also with the testimony of his blood. At Lyons, of S. Lambert, bishop and confessor. At Alexandria, of S. Fronto, abbot, renowned for holiness of life and miracles. At Rome, of S. Abundius, mansioner of the church of S. Peter.

G *The Fifteenth Day.*

At Rome, of the Saints Basilissa, and Anastasia, women of a noble extraction, and disciples of the Apostles, who persisting constant in the confession of the faith, under Nero the emperor, having first their tongues and feet cut off, at last beheaded, obtained the crown of martyrdom. The same day, of the holy martyrs Maro, Eutyches, and Victorinus, who together with S. Flavia Domitilla, for the confession of Christ being first banished into the island Pontia, and afterward recalled thence under Nerva the emperor, after that they had converted many to the faith of Christ, were in the persecution of Trajan, by the command of Valerian the judge, put to death by divers kinds of torments. In Persia, of the holy martyrs Maximus and Olimpiades, who under Decius the emperor were beaten with clubs, and

whips of lead, and at last their heads were bruised with clubs until they gave up the ghost. At Fiorentino,* in Campania, of S. Eutychius, martyr. At Myra, in Lycia, of S. Crescens, who accomplished his martyrdom by fire. Also of the holy martyrs Theodorus and Pausilippus, who suffered under Adrian the emperor.

A *The Sixteenth Day.*

At Corinth, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Callistus, Charisius, and seven others, who all were drowned in the sea. At Saragossa,† in Spain, the birth-day of eighteen holy martyrs, Optatus, Lupercus, Successus, Martial, Urban, Julia, Quintilian, Publius, Fronto, Felix, Cæcilian, Eventius, Primitivus, Apodemius, and four others, who are said to have been called Saturnini: all these, under Dacian, president of Spain, were together put to divers torments, and slain; whose renowned martyrdom Prudentius has set forth in verse. There also, of S. Encratis, virgin and martyr, who after her body all torn, her breast cut off, and her liver plucked out, yet remaining alive, was shut up in prison until her wounded body putrefied. In the same city, of the Saints Caius and Crementius, who persisting firm the second time in the confession of the faith, drank finally of the cup of martyrdom. There also of S. Lambert, martyr. At Palentia, of S.

* Ferentinum in Hernicis. † Cæsar-Augusta.

Turibius, bishop of Astorga,* who by the help of S. Leo, pope, drove the heresy of the Priscillianists quite out of Spain, and famous for miracles rested in peace. At Braga,† in Portugal, of S. Fructuosus, bishop. The same day, of S. Paternus, bishop of Avranches.‡ At Valencene, in the Lower Germany, of S. Drogo, confessor.

B *The Seventeenth Day.*

At Rome, of S. Anicetus, pope and martyr, who in the persecution of Marcus Aurelius Antoninus, and Lucius Verus, received the palm of martyrdom. In Africa, the birth-day of S. Mappalicus, martyr, who [as S. Cyprian writes in his epistle to the martyrs and confessors] with many others was crowned with martyrdom. There also, of the holy martyrs Fortunatus and Marcian. At Antioch, of the holy martyrs Peter, deacon, and Hermogenes, his servant. At Cordova, of the holy martyrs Elias, priest, Paul and Isidore, monks. At Vienna, of S. Pantagathus, bishop. At Tortona,§ of S. Innocent, bishop and confessor. At Citeaux,‖ in Burgundy, of S. Stephen, abbot, who was the first that inhabited the Cistercian desert, and joyfully received S. Bernard with his companions, when they came thither.

* Asturica. † Bracarum. ‡ Abrinca.
§ Terdona. ‖ Cistertium.

C *The Eighteenth Day.*

At Rome, of S. Apollonius, a senator, who under the emperor Commodus, and Perennius, governor, being betrayed by his own servant to be a Christian, was commanded to give an account of his faith, which he did in a learned book by him written, and read in the Senate, yet nevertheless he was by the sentence of the same Senate beheaded. At Messina, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Eleutherius, bishop of Sclavonia, and Anthia, his mother, who under Adrian, emperor, overcame a bed of glowing iron, a gridiron, and a frying-pan full of boiling oil, pitch, and rosin, was cast moreover unto the lions, but being nothing hurt by them, at last, together with his mother, had his throat cut. There also, of S. Corebus, governor, who, converted to the faith by S. Eleutherius, was slain by the sword. At Brescia, of S. Calocerus, martyr, who being converted to Christ by SS. Faustinus and Jovita, under the same Adrian accomplished the glorious combat of his confession. At Cordova,* of S. Perfectus, priest and martyr, who was killed by the Moors for inveighing against the sect of Mahomet. At Milan, of S. Galdin, bishop, who having preached a sermon against the heretics, at the end thereof gave up his soul to God.

* Corduba.

D *The Nineteenth Day.*

The birth-day of S. Timon, one of the first seven deacons: who was first preacher at Berea, afterwards propagating the Gospel, he came at last to Corinth, where, being cast into the fire by the Jews and Gentiles, as it is recorded, but nothing hurt thereby, at last crucified on a cross, accomplished his martyrdom. At Melitine, in Armenia, of the holy martyrs Hermogenes, Caius, Expeditus, Aristonicus, Rufus, and Galata, all crowned on one day. At Colibre,* in Catalonia, the passion of S. Vincent, martyr. The same day, of the holy martyrs Socrates and Denys, who were thrust through with lances. At Jerusalem, of S. Paphnutius, martyr. At Canterbury, in England, of S. Elphegus, bishop and martyr. At Antioch, in Pisidia, of S. George, bishop, who for the worship of holy images died in banishment. At Rome, of S. Leo, pope, the ninth of that name, renowned for holiness of life and miracles. In the monastery of Lob,† of S. Ursmar, bishop. At Florence, of S. Crescent, confessor, disciple to S. Zenobius, bishop.

E *The Twentieth Day.*

At Rome, of the holy martyrs Sulpitius and Servilian, who, being converted to the faith of Christ by the discourse and miracles of S. Domi-

* Caucoliberis. † Laubium.

tilla, virgin, for refusing to sacrifice to the idols, in the persecution of Trajan, were by Anian, governor of the city, beheaded. The same day, of the holy martyrs, Victor, Zoticus, Zeno, Acindinus, Cesareus, Severian, Chrysophorus, Theonas, and Antoninus, who having been divers ways tried, under Dioclesian accomplished their martyrdom. At Tomis, in Scythia, of S. Theotimus, bishop, who for his great holiness and miracles was reverenced even of the very barbarians and infidels. At Ambrun,* in France, of S. Marcellinus, the first bishop of that city, who being inspired by God, came out of Africa into France with his holy companions Vincent and Domninus, and by preaching and wonderful miracles, for which he is renowned to this very day, he converted the greatest part of the inhabitants of the Alps near the sea-coast to the faith of Christ. At Auxerre,† of S. Marcian, priest. The same day, of S. Theodore, confessor, [who of the rough hairy garment which he used to wear, was surnamed Trichinas,] renowned for many miracles, especially against the devils; out of whose body there issues an ointment which restores health to the sick. At Mount Polician,‡ of S. Agnes, virgin, of the order of S. Dominick, famous for miracles.

* Ebredunum. † Antisiodorum. ‡ Mons Politianus.

F *The One-and-Twentieth Day.*

In Persia, the birth-day of S. Simeon, bishop of Seleucia and Ctesiphon, who by the command of Sapor, king of the Persians, being apprehended, loaded with irons, and presented before the unjust tribunals, for refusing to adore the sun, and professing freely and constantly the name of Jesus Christ, was, together with an hundred others, (amongst whom some were bishops, some priests, and others of divers orders of the clergy,) first a long while starved in prison, and afterward, when Usthazanes, the king's tutor, [who had a little before fallen from the faith, and had been reduced to penance by S. Simeon,] had constantly endured martyrdom, the next day, which was the anniversary of our Lord's Passion, all the rest being put to the sword before his face, whom he stoutly exhorted to constancy, was himself also at last beheaded. Moreover, there suffered with him Abedechalas and Ananias, worthy men, and his priests; Pusicius also, master of the king's artificers, who for encouraging Ananias, that began somewhat to stagger, bored through the neck about the gristle-bone, and his tongue drawn thereout, died a most cruel death; after whom also his daughter, a sacred virgin, was killed. At Alexandria, of the holy martyrs Arator, priest, Fortunatus, Felix, Silvius, and Vitalis, who died in prison. Also of the Saints Apollo, Isacius, and Crotates, who suffered under Dioclesian. At Can-

terbury, in England, of S. Anselm, bishop, famous for his sanctity and learning. At Antioch, of S. Anastasius of Sina, bishop.

G *The Two-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Rome, in the way called Appia, the birthday of S. Soter, pope and martyr. There also, of S. Caius, pope, who under Dioclesian the emperor was crowned with martyrdom. At Smyrna, of the Saints Apelles and Lucius, of the first disciples of Christ. The same day, of many holy martyrs, who the next year after the death of S. Simeon, upon the anniversary of the commemoration of our Lord's passion, over all Persia, under Sapor, king, were put to death by the sword for the name of Christ. In which persecution also suffered Azades, an eunuch, dearly beloved of the king; Milles, a bishop, renowned for his sanctity and miracles; Acepsimas, a bishop also, with his priest, James; also Aithalas and Joseph, priests, Azadan and Abdiesus, deacons, with many others of the clergy; Mareas also, and Bicor, bishops, with twenty other bishops, and almost two hundred and fifty of the clergy; and many monks also, and sacred virgins, amongst whom was Tarbula, the sister of S. Simeon, with her waiting-maid, who tied unto stakes, sawed in pieces, were most cruelly killed. Also in Persia, of the Saints Parmenius, Helimenas, and Chrysotelus, priests, Lucas and Mucius, deacons, whose trium-

phant martyrdom is written in the passion of the Saints Abdon and Sennen. At Alexandria, the birth-day of S. Leonides, martyr, who suffered under Severus. At Lyons,* of S. Epipodius, who in the persecution of Antoninus Verus, together with Alexander his companion, being apprehended and put to many cruel torments, finally beheaded, accomplished his martyrdom. At Sens,† of S. Leo, bishop and confessor. At Anastasiople, of S. Theodore, bishop, renowned for miracles.

A *The Three-and-Twentieth Day.*

THE birth-day of S. George, martyr, whose glorious martyrdom the Church of God honours amongst the crowns of other martyrs. At Valence, in France, the passion of the holy martyrs Felix, priest, Fortunatus and Achilleus, deacons; who sent thither by S. Irenæus, bishop of Lyons, to preach the word of God, after they had converted the greatest part of that city to the faith of Christ, being cast into prison by Cornelius the captain, and sore whipped, having also their thighs broken upon the wheel, and choked with smoke whilst they were racked upon the torture *Equuleus*, at last died by the sword. In Prussia, the birth-day of S. Adalbert, bishop of Prague, and martyr, who preached the Gospel to the Polonians and Hungarians. At Milan, of S. Maro-

* Lugdunum. † Senonæ.

lus, bishop and confessor. At Toul,* in Lorraine, of S. Gerard, bishop of the same city.

B *The Four-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Rome, of S. Sabas, a captain, who being accused for visiting the Christians in prison, and freely before the judge confessing Christ, was by the command of the same judge first burned with torches, and then cast into a caldron of boiling pitch, wherein when he received no hurt, threescore and ten men by that miracle were converted, who all remaining constant in their faith, died by the sword; and lastly himself, drowned in a river, accomplished his martyrdom. At Lyons, in France, the birth-day of S. Alexander, martyr, who in the persecution of Antoninus Verus, after long imprisonment, was so cruelly torn with whips, that the flesh beaten from his ribs, his bowels were opened, and his inward parts seen; then crucified on a cross, he yielded up his blessed soul. There suffered with him thirty-four others, whose memories are kept upon other days. The same day, of the holy martyrs Eusebius, Neon, Leontius, Longinus, and four others, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, after cruel torments, were beheaded. In England, the deposition of S. Mellitus, bishop, who being sent thither by S. Gregory, pope, converted the East-Saxons and their king to the faith. At Colibre,†

* Tullum. † Illiberis.

in Spain, of S. Gregory, bishop and confessor. At Brescia, of S. Honorius, bishop. In Ireland, of S. Egbert, priest and monk, a man of wonderful humility and continency. At Rheims, of the holy virgins Bona and Doda.

C *The Five-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Alexandria, the birth-day of S. Mark, evangelist, the disciple and interpreter of S. Peter, who writing his gospel at the request of the Christians at Rome, took it with him, and went into Egypt; where, first preaching Christ at Alexandria, he founded that Church; and afterward apprehended for the faith of Christ, bound with cords, and dragged upon stones, endured great torments; then being shut up in prison, where he was comforted by the vision of an angel, and also by an apparition of our Lord, was finally called to the kingdom of heaven, in the eighth year of Nero. At Rome, in the church of S. Peter, the Celebrity of the Greater Litanies. At Syracosa,* of the holy martyrs Evodius, Hermogenes, and Callistus. At Antioch, of S. Stephen, bishop and martyr, who, many ways afflicted by the heretics that impugned the Council of Chalcedon, was cast headlong into the river Orontes, in the time of Zeno the emperor. There also, of the Saints Philo and Agathopus, deacons. At Alexandria, of S. Anian, bishop, disciple to S. Mark, and his successor in

* Syracusæ.

that bishopric, who, greatly renowned for his virtues, rested in our Lord. At Lob,* the birth-day of S. Ermin, bishop and confessor.

D *The Six-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Rome, the birth-day of S. Cletus, pope, who, second after the apostle S. Peter, governed the Church, and was crowned with martyrdom in the persecution of Domitian. There also, of S. Marcellinus, pope and martyr, who under Maximian was beheaded for the faith of Christ, together with Claudius, Cyrinus, and Antoninus; at which time the persecution was so great, that in the space of a month seventeen thousand Christians were crowned with martyrdom. At Amasea, in Pontus, of S. Basil, bishop and martyr, who under Licinius, emperor, accomplished a glorious martyrdom. His body being cast into the sea, and by revelation of an angel found out by Elpidiphorus, was very honourably entombed. At Braga,† in Portugal, of S. Peter, martyr, and first bishop of that city. At Vienna, of S. Clarence, bishop and confessor. At Verona, of S. Lucidius, bishop. In the monastery of Centula, of S. Richarius, priest and confessor. At Troys,‡ of S. Exuperantia, virgin.

* Laubium. † Bracarus. ‡ Trecæ.

E *The Seven-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Nicomedia, the birth-day of S. Anthimus, bishop and martyr, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, for the confession of Christ being beheaded, obtained the glory of martyrdom; whom in a manner his whole flock following, the judge commanded some to be beheaded, others to be burned, and others to be put into little boats, and drowned in the sea. At Tarsus, in Cilicia, of the Saints Castor and Stephen, martyrs. At Rome, the deposition of S. Anastasius, pope, a man of most rich poverty, and apostolical vigilance; whom, as S. Jerom writes, Rome deserved not to have long, that the Head of the world might not be cut off under such a bishop; for shortly after his death Rome was taken and sacked by the Goths. At Bolonia, of S. Tertullian, bishop and confessor. At Brescia,* of S. Theophilus, bishop. At Constantinople, of S. John, abbot, who under Leo Isauricus, greatly laboured for the worship of holy images.

F *The Eight-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Ravenna, the birth-day of S. Vitalis, martyr, father to the Saints Gervase and Protase, who for taking away and decently burying the body of S. Ursicin, being apprehended by Paulin

* Brixia.

the consul, after he had endured the rack of *Equuleus*, was let down into a deep pit, and there overwhelmed with earth and stones, by such a martyrdom went unto Christ. At Milan, of S. Valeria, martyr, wife to S. Vitalis. At Atino,* of S. Mark, who, ordained bishop by S. Peter the apostle, first preached the Gospel to the people† of Italy bordering upon the Sabins, and in the persecution of Domitian, under Maximus, president, received the crown of martyrdom. At Alexandria, the passion of S. Theodora, virgin, who for refusing to sacrifice unto idols, being carried to the stews, a certain Christian called Didymus suddenly changing apparel with her, through the wonderful favour of God delivered her; but afterward in the persecution of Dioclesian, under Eustrasius, president, they being both beheaded together, together they received the crown of martyrdom. The same day, of the Saints Aphrodisius, Caralippus, Agapius, and Eusebius, martyrs. In Pannonia, of S. Pollio, martyr, under Dioclesian the emperor. At Prusa, in Bithynia, of the holy martyrs Patrick, bishop, Acatius, Menander, and Polyenus. At Tarazona,‡ in Spain, of S. Prudentius, bishop and confessor. At Pentina,§ in Abbruzzo,|| of S. Pamphilus, bishop of Valua, famous for his charity to the poor, and gift of miracles, whose body lies buried at Sulmona.

* Atina. † Æquicolæ. ‡ Turiaso.
§ Corsinium. || Peligni.

G *The Nine-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Milan, of S. Peter, martyr, of the order of preachers, who was slain by the heretics for the Catholic faith. At Paphos, in Cyprus, of S. Tychicus, disciple to Saint Paul the Apostle, whom the same Apostle in his epistles calls most dear brother, faithful minister, and his fellow-servant in our Lord. At Cirtha, in Numidia, the birthday of the holy martyrs Agapius, and Secundinus, bishops, who after a long banishment in the said city, in the persecution of Valerian, in which the fury of the Gentiles raged most to the trial of the faith of the just, were from the high degree of priesthood advanced to the glory of martyrdom. There suffered in their company Æmilian, a soldier, Tertulla, and Antonia, sacred virgins, and a certain woman, with her two twins. The same day, of seven holy Thieves, who being converted to Christ by S. Jason, did purchase by martyrdom life everlasting. At Brescia, of S. Paulin, bishop and confessor. In the monastery of Cluni,* of S. Hugh, abbot. In the monastery of Molesmes,† of S. Robert, the first abbot of Cisterce.

A *The Thirtieth Day.*

At Rome, of S. Catharine of Sienna, virgin, of the order of S. Dominic, renowned for her life and

* Cluniacum. † Molismum.

miracles, whom Pius the Second added to the roll of virgin saints. At Lambesa, in Numidia, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Marian, lector, and James, deacon; the former of whom having already overcome divers afflictions for the confession of Christ, in the persecution of Decius, was the second time apprehended, together with his most worthy companion, and after most cruel and exquisite torments, having been twice comforted by divine revelations, they both at last, with many others, died by the sword. At Saints,* of S. Eutropius, bishop and martyr, who being ordained bishop by S. Clement, pope, and sent into France, after he had there long preached the Gospel, being bruised in the head, for the testimony of Christ, died victoriously. At Cordova,† of the holy martyrs Amator, priest, Peter, monk, and Lewis. At Novara, of S. Laurence, priest, and certain children, martyrs, of whom he had charge for their education. At Alexandria, of the holy martyrs Aphrodisius, priest, and thirty others. At Ephesus, of S. Maximus, martyr, who was crowned in the persecution of Decius. At Fermo, in Marc-Ancona,‡ of S. Sophia, virgin and martyr. At Naples, in Campania, of S. Severus, bishop, who among other miracles raised a dead man out of his grave for a time, to convince of falsehood a lying creditor of a certain widow and orphans. At Evorea, in Epyrus, of S. Donatus, bishop, who was renowned for his singular sanctity in the time of Theodosius the emperor. At

* Santones. † Corduba. ‡ Picenum.

London, in England, of S. Erconwald, bishop, who was famous for many miracles.

May.

B *The First Day.*

The birth-day of the blessed Apostles Philip and James; of whom S. Philip, after he had converted almost all Scythia to the faith of Christ, at Hierapolis, a city in Asia, being fastened to a cross, and overwhelmed with stones, made a glorious end. But S. James, who is also called the brother of our Lord, and was the first bishop of Jerusalem, being thrown down from a pinnacle of the temple, and his thighs broken, wounded also in the head with a dyer's staff, gave up the ghost, and was buried near unto the temple. In Egypt, of S. Jeremy, prophet, who, being stoned by the people, died at Taphnas, and was there buried; at whose sepulchre, as S. Epiphanius writes, the faithful were wont to say their prayers, and taking dust from thence, did therewith heal the biting of serpents. In France, in the territory of Viviers,* of S. Andeolus, subdeacon, who with others being sent out of the East into France by S. Polycarp, to preach the word of God, was under Severus the emperor, first beaten with thorny cudgels, and then having his head divided

* Vivaria.

into four parts, with a wooden sword, in the form of a cross, accomplished his martyrdom. At Huesca,* in Spain, of the holy martyrs Orentius and Patientia. At Sedune, in France, the passion of S. Sigismund, king of the Burgundians, who, drowned in a well, was afterwards renowned for miracles. At Auxerre,† of S. Amator, bishop and confessor. At Auch,‡ of S. Orientius, bishop. In England, of the Saints Asaph, bishop, and Walburge, virgin. At Bergamo, of S. Grata, widow.

C *The Second Day.*

At Alexandria, the birth-day of Saint Athanasius, bishop of the same city, much renowned for his sanctity and learning, against whom though all the world almost conspired, he notwithstanding stoutly defended the Catholic faith, from the time of Constantine unto Valens, against both emperors, governors, and innumerable Arian bishops, by whom many deceitful practices to entrap him were contrived, so that he was forced to fly into most parts of the world, but could be safe nowhere: at last he returned to his own church, and there, after many afflictions, and crowns of patience, the six-and-fortieth year of his priesthood, he departed to our Lord, in the time of Valentinian and Valens, emperors. At Rome, of the holy martyrs Saturninus, Neopolus, German,

* Osca. † Antisiodorum. ‡ Auscium.

and Celestine, who after many afflictions endured, being cast into prison, there made an holy end. Moreover, of the holy martyrs Exuperius, and Loes, his wife, Cyriacus, and Theodulus, their children, who suffered under Adrian the emperor. At Seville, of S. Felix, deacon and martyr. The same day, of S. Vindemial, bishop and martyr, who, together with the holy bishops Eugenius and Longinus, resisting the Arians both by doctrine and miracles, by the command of Hunnericus, king, was beheaded. At Avila,* in Spain, of S. Secundus, bishop, of whom also mention is made afterwards on the fifteenth day of May, together with others. At Florence, of S. Antoninus, bishop, of the order of preachers, famous for his holiness of life and learning.

D *The Third Day.*

At Jerusalem, the Invention of the most holy Cross of our Lord, under Constantine the emperor. At Rome, in the way called Numentana, the passion of the holy martyrs Alexander, pope, Eventius and Theodulus, priests, of whom Alexander, under Adrian the emperor, and Aurelian, judge, after he had endured imprisonment, fetters, the torture *Equuleus,* iron claws, and fire, was pricked with sharp steels in every part of his body, and so killed; but Eventius and Theodulus, after long imprisonment, having been tormented

* Abula.

by fire, were finally beheaded. At Narni,* of S. Juvenal, bishop and confessor. At Constantinople, of the holy martyrs Alexander, a soldier, and Antonina, a virgin, who in the persecution of Maximian, under Festus, president, being condemned to the stews, was by Alexander secretly delivered thence, by changing apparel with her, and remaining there in her place; but she being taken again, they were both together cruelly tormented: and lastly, having their hands cut off, and being cast into the fire, after a noble combat endured for the confession of Christ, they both received the crown of martyrdom. In Thebais, of the holy martyrs Timothy, and Maura his wife; whom Arian the governor, after many torments commanded to be crucified on a cross, on which hanging nine days alive, and encouraging each other in their faith, they accomplished their martyrdom. At Aphrodisia, in Caria,† of the holy martyrs Diodorus and Rodopian, who in the persecution of Dioclesian were stoned by their own citizens.

E *The Fourth Day.*

At Ostia, in the mouth of the river Tiber, the birth-day of S. Monica, mother to S. Augustine, who has left written her admirable life, in the ninth book of his confessions. At the metal-mines of Phennes, in Palestine, the birth-day of S. Sil-

* Narnia. † Asia Minor.

van, bishop of Gaza, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, by the command of Galerius Maximian Cæsar, with many others of his clergy, received the crown of martyrdom. There also, of nine-and-thirty other martyrs, who being condemned to the mines, after searing with hot burning irons, and other torments, were all together beheaded. At Jerusalem, of S. Cyriacus, bishop, who as he was visiting the holy places, was killed under Julian the Apostate. In Umbria, of S. Porphyry, martyr, who having been grievously tortured, and afflicted with divers torments, hanged up by one arm three days together, and kept two years in prison, at last was burned by Priscillian, president, for the confession of Christ. At Laussen,* in the Duchy of Styria, of S. Florian, martyr, who under Dioclesian, emperor, by the command of Aquilin, governor, with a great stone tied about his neck, was thrown headlong into the river Anisus. At Tarsus, of S. Pelagia, virgin, who under Dioclesian, being shut up in a hot burning ox of brass, accomplished her martyrdom. At Cullen, of S. Paulin, martyr. At Milan, of S. Venerius, bishop, whose virtues are commemorated by S. John Chrysostom, in a letter which he wrote unto him. In the territory of Perigueux,† of S. Sacerdos, bishop of Limoges.‡ At Auxerre,§ of S. Curcodomus, deacon.

* Lauriacum Noricorum. † Petragoricum.
‡ Lemovicum. § Antisiodorum.

F *The Fifth Day.*

At Rome, of S. Crescentiana, martyr. There also, of S. Silvan, martyr. At Alexandria, of S. Euthymius, deacon, who died in prison for Christ. At Thessalonica, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Ireneus, Peregrin, and Irenes, who were burned. At Auxerre,* the passion of S. Jovinian, lector. At Leocata, in Sicily, of S. Angelus, priest, of the order of Carmelites, who was slain by the heretics for defending the Catholic faith. At Jerusalem, of S. Maximus, bishop and confessor, under Maximian Galerius Cæsar, who having one of his eyes plucked out, and one of his feet seared with a hot iron, was condemned to the metal mines. At Edessa, in Syria, of S. Eulogius, bishop and confessor. At Arles,† in France, of S. Hilary, bishop, renowned for his sanctity and learning. At Vienna, of S. Nicetius, bishop, venerable for holiness of life. At Bolonia, of S. Theodore, bishop, renowned for merits. The same day, of S. Sacerdos, bishop of Sigvenza.‡ At Milan, of S. Geruntius, bishop. There also, the conversion of S. Augustine, bishop and doctor of the church, whom S. Ambrose, bishop, taught the truth of the Catholic faith, and baptized on this day.

* Antisiodorum. † Arelatum. ‡ Saguntia.

G *The Sixth Day.*

At Rome, of S. John before the gate called Latina, who, by the command of Domitian, brought prisoner from Ephesus to Rome, and there by sentence of the senate, before the same gate, being put into a vessel of boiling oil, came out more pure and vigorous than he went in. At Antioch, of S. Evodius, who, as S. Ignatius writes to the Antiochians, being created the first bishop of that city by S. Peter the Apostle, ended his life by a glorious martyrdom. At Cyrene, of S. Lucius, bishop, of whom S. Luke makes mention in the Acts of the Apostles. In Africa, of the holy martyrs Heliodore and Venustus, with threescore and fifteen others. In Cyprus, of S. Theodotus, bishop of Cyrinia, who having suffered most grievously under Licinius the emperor, at length, when the church was in peace, gave up his soul to God. At Damasco, the birth-day of S. John Damascene, renowned for his sanctity and learning, who constantly opposed himself, both by word and writing, against Leo Isauricus, in defence of holy images; for which cause having his right hand cut off by the command of the said emperor, and devoutly commending himself to our blessed Lady before an image of hers, which he had defended, forthwith received the same again sound and whole. At Carra, in Mesopotamia, of S. Protogenes, bishop. In England, of S Eadbert, bishop of Lindisfarne, famous for his

learning and piety. At Rome, of S. Benedicta, virgin. At Salerno, the translation of S. Matthew, apostle, whose holy body being brought out of Ethiopia to divers other countries, was at last translated to that city, and there with great honour placed in a church dedicated in his name.

A *The Seventh Day.*

At Cracow,* in Polonia, the birth-day of S. Stanislaus, bishop and martyr, who was slain by the impious king Boleslas. At Tarracina, in Campania, the birth-day of S. Flavia Domitilla, virgin and martyr, neice to Flavius Clemens, the consul, who, consecrated to God by S. Clement, pope, was in the persecution of Domitian, for the testimony of Christ, sent into banishment into the island Pontia, with many others, where she endured a long martyrdom; but being afterward brought back to Tarracina, after she had by her doctrine and miracles converted many to the faith of Christ, was at last, together with her virgins Euphrosina and Theodora, with whom she dwelt, burned in her own house by command of the judge, and so accomplished the course of her glorious martyrdom: she is also commemorated together with the holy martyrs Nereus and Achilleus upon the twelfth of May. The same day, of S. Juvenal, martyr. At Nicomedia, of the holy martyrs Flavius, Augustus, and Augustin,

* Cracovia.

brothers. There also, of S. Quadratus, martyr, who in the persecution of Decius having been often tortured, was at last beheaded. At Rome, of S. Benedict, pope and confessor. At York, in England, of S. John, bishop, famous for holiness of life and miracles. At Pavia, of S. Peter, bishop. At Rome, the translation of the body of S. Stephen the protomartyr, which in the time of Pelagius, pope, was brought from Constantinople to Rome, and laid in the sepulchre of S. Laurence, in the field Verano, and is there still honoured with great concourse of devout people.

B *The Eighth Day.*

In the Mount Garganus, the apparition of S. Michael the archangel. At Milan, the birth-day of S. Victor, martyr, by nation a Moor, who in his tender years being made a Christian, and afterwards a soldier in the emperor's camp, when Maximian would have compelled him to sacrifice unto idols, persevering courageously in the confession of our Lord, was first grievously beaten with clubs, but by the protection of God felt no pain, and afterwards had melted lead poured upon him, but receiving no hurt thereby, at last by loss of his head ended his glorious martyrdom. At Constantinople, of S. Acathius, a centurion, who in the persecution of Dioclesian and Maximian, being accused by Firmus the tribune for a Christian, and cruelly tortured by Bibian the

judge at Perinthus, was at Constantinople finally by Flaccinus, proconsul, beheaded; whose body being by divine power brought unto the shore of Scyllacium, is there kept with very great honour. At Vienna, of S. Denys, bishop and confessor. At Auxerre,* of S. Helladius, bishop. In the territory of Bezanson,† of S. Peter, bishop. In Scotland, of S. Wiro, bishop.

C *The Ninth Day.*

At Nazianzum, the birth-day of S. Gregory, bishop, for his singular knowledge in divinity surnamed The Divine; who restored the Catholic faith decayed at Constantinople, and suppressed divers heresies then arising. At Rome, of S. Hermas, of whom S. Paul the Apostle makes mention in his epistle to the Romans; who worthily offering himself up, and being made an acceptable sacrifice to God, adorned with virtues, obtained an heavenly crown. In Persia, of three hundred and ten holy martyrs. At Caglio,‡ in the way called Flaminia, the passion of S. Gerontius, bishop of Cervia.§ In the castle of Vindisch,|| the deposition of S. Beatus, confessor. At Constantinople, the translation of the holy bodies of S. Andrew, apostle, and S. Luke, evangelist, out of Achaia; and of S. Timothy, disciple to S. Paul the apostle, from Ephesus; but the

* Antisiodorum. † Bisuntium. ‡ Callium.
§ Ficode. || Vindecinum

body of S. Andrew being a long time after brought to Amalfi, is there by the concourse of devout people greatly honoured: out of whose sepulchre flows a liquor continually, very sovereign for curing diseases. Moreover, at Rome, the translation of S. Jerom, priest and doctor of the church, from Bethlehem Judea to the church of S. Mary, called Ad Præsepe. At Bari,* in Apulia, the translation also of S. Nicolas, bishop, from Myra, a city in Lycia.

D *The Tenth Day.*

At Rome, in the way called Latina, the birthday of the holy martyrs Gordian and Epimachus; of whom the former, in the time of Julian the apostate, being long beaten with leaden whips, for the confession of the name of Christ, was at last beheaded; whose body was in the night by the Christians buried in the same way in a grotto, into which the relics of S. Epimachus, martyr, had been a little before translated from Alexandria, where for the faith of Christ he had accomplished his martyrdom. In the land of Hus, of S. Job, prophet, a man of wonderful patience. At Rome, of S. Calepodius, priest and martyr, who being beheaded by Alexander the emperor, his body was drawn through the city, and cast into the river Tiber; which being afterward found, was by pope Callistus buried. In this persecution

* Barium.

there suffered also Palmatius, a consul, together with his wife and children, and forty-two others of both sexes, of his household: Simplicius also, a senator, with his wife, and threescore and eight of his family; Felix also, with his wife Blanda: all whose heads were set upon divers gates of the city, for a terror to the Christians. Moreover, at Rome, in the way called Latina, near to a place called Centumaulæ, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Quartus and Quinctus, whose bodies were translated to Capua. At Lentini,* in Sicily, of the holy martyrs Alphius, Philadelphus, and Cyrinus. At Smyrna, of S. Dioscorides, martyr. At Taranto,† of S. Cataldus, bishop, renowned for miracles. At Milan, the invention of the holy bodies of Nazarius and Celsus, martyrs, by S. Ambrose, bishop; who finding the body of S. Nazarius freshly bleeding, translated the same to the church of the apostles, together with the body of S. Celsus, a boy, whom the same Nazarius had brought up, who in the persecution of Nero, together with Nazarius, was beheaded by Anolinus, the eight-and-twentieth day of July, upon which day the feast of their martyrdom is kept. At Madrid, of S. Isidore, a husbandman, whom, famous for miracles, Gregory the Fifteenth canonized for a saint, together with the Saints Ignatius, Francis, Teresa, and Philip.

* Leontinum. † Tarentum.

E *The Eleventh Day.*

At Rome, in the way called Salaria, the birthday of S. Anthimus, priest, who after he had wrought many miracles, and preached the Gospel of Christ, was in the persecution of Dioclesian thrown headlong into the river Tiber, but taken out by an angel, and carried into his own oratory, afterwards beheaded, went victoriously to heaven. The same day, of S. Evellius, martyr, who being one of the household of Nero, by seeing the martyrdom of S. Torpes, believed in Christ; for whom also he was beheaded. Also at Rome, of the holy martyrs Maximus, Bassus, and Fabius, who under Dioclesian were slain in the way called Salaria. At Camerino, of the holy martyrs Anastasius, and his companions, who in the persecution of Decius, under Antiochus, governor, were killed. At Osmo,* in Marc-Ancona, of the holy martyrs Sisinius, deacon, Diocletius and Florentius, disciples of S. Anthimus, priest, who under Dioclesian being stoned to death, accomplished their martyrdom. At Varennes, of S. Gangulphus, martyr. At Vienna, of S. Mamertus, bishop, who to pacify the wrath of God, first instituted in that city the solemn Litanies, three days before the Ascension of our Lord; which custom the universal Church afterwards received and approved. At Sauvigny,† the deposition of S. Maiolus, abbot of Cluni; renowned for his holy merits. At San-Severino,‡ in Marc-Ancona, of S.

* Auximum. † Sylviniacum. ‡ Septempeda.

Illuminatus, confessor. At Naples, the birth-day of S. Francis Girolamo, of the Society of Jesus, renowned for miracles.

F *The Twelfth Day.*

At Rome, in the way called Ardeatina, of the holy martyrs Nereus and Achilleus, brothers, who together with Flavia Domitilla, whose eunuchs they were, having endured a long banishment for Christ in the island Pontia, were afterwards cruelly whipped: and Minutius Rufus, who had been consul, endeavouring by the torment *Equuleus* and fire, to compel them to offer sacrifice, and they saying they were baptized by the apostle S. Peter, and might by no means sacrifice to idols, finally they were beheaded. Their sacred relics, together with the relics of Flavia Domitilla, were as upon yesterday, by the command of pope Clement the Eighth, solemnly translated out of the diacony or sacristy of S. Adrian, into their own ancient title now repaired, where they had been kept of old. There also, in the way called Aurelia, of S. Pancratius, martyr, who being but fourteen years old, under Dioclesian beheaded, accomplished his martyrdom. Moreover, at Rome, of S. Denys, uncle to the same S. Pancratius. In Sicily, of S. Philip, surnamed Argyrion, who being sent into that island by the bishop of Rome, converted a great part thereof to Christ, whose holiness is chiefly manifested by delivering

of possessed persons. At Salamina, in Cyprus, of S. Epiphanius, bishop, who greatly excelling in divers kinds of learning, and knowledge in the holy Scriptures, was renowned for the holiness of his life, zeal of the Catholic faith, liberality to the poor, and power of working miracles. At Constantinople, of S. German, bishop, famous for his virtues and learning, who with great freedom and confidence reprehended Leo Isauricus for publishing an edict against holy images. At Trevers, of S. Modoaldus, bishop. In the city of Calciata, of S. Dominick, confessor.

G *The Thirteenth Day.*

At Rome, the dedication of the church of S. Mary, called Ad Martyres, which having sometimes been an idolatrous temple of all the gods, named Pantheon, pope Boniface the Fourth, after it was cleansed, consecrated it to the honour of the Blessed and ever Virgin Mary, and of all martyrs, in the time of Phocas the emperor. At Constantinople, of S. Mucius, priest and martyr, who under Dioclesian the emperor, and Laodicius, proconsul, having first at Amphipolis endured many torments for the confession of Christ, afterwards brought as far as Constantinople, was there beheaded. At Heraclea, of S. Gliceria, martyr, a Roman by birth, who suffered under Antoninus, emperor, and Sabinus, president. At Alexandria, the commemoration of many holy martyrs,

who for the Catholic faith were killed by the Arians, in the church of Theonas. At Maestricht,* of S. Servace, bishop of Tungres, whose sepulchre, in testimony of his great holiness, when in the winter time all places round about it were covered with snow, was never touched therewith, until by the citizens' industry a goodly church was built over it. In Palestine, of S. John, surnamed Silentiarius.

A *The Fourteenth Day.*

The birth-day of S. Boniface, martyr, who under Dioclesian and Maximian suffered at Tharsus in Cilicia; but afterwards translated to Rome, was buried in the way called Latina. In France, of S. Pontius, martyr, who by his preaching and industry, having converted the two Philips, emperors, to the faith of Christ, under the emperors Valerian and Gallienus obtained the palm of martyrdom. In Syria, of the holy martyrs Victor and Cerona, under Antoninus, emperor; of whom Victor, being put to divers cruel torments by Sebastian the judge, when Corona (a soldier's wife,) with a loud voice highly commended him for his constant suffering, affirming that she saw two crowns falling from heaven, one for Victor, and another for herself, she was tied to the boughs of trees, and torn in pieces by the violent flying back thereof; but Victor was beheaded. In Sar-

* Trajectum.

dinia, of the holy martyrs Justa, Justina, and Henedina. At Rome, of S. Paschalis, pope, who took up many bodies of holy martyrs out of caves, and honourably placed them in divers churches. At Ferento,* in Tuscany, of S. Boniface, bishop, who, as S. Gregory, pope, testifies, even from his childhood was renowned for sanctity and miracles. At Naples, in Campania, of S. Pomponius, bishop. In Egypt, of S. Pachomius, abbot, who erected many monasteries there, and wrote a rule for his monks, which was dictated unto him by an angel.

B *The Fifteenth Day.*

In Spain, of the Saints Torquatus, Ctesiphon, Secundus, Judaletius, Cæcilius, Hesychius, and Euphrasius, who were all ordained bishops at Rome by the holy apostles, and sent into Spain to preach the word of God, and after they had preached the Gospel to divers cities, and subjugated innumerable multitudes to the faith of Christ, they rested in our Lord, in divers places of the same province; as Torquatus at Guadix,† Ctesiphon at Viergo,‡ Secundus at Avila,§ Judaletius at Bera,‖ Cæcilius at Colibre,¶ Hesychius at Cartagena,** and Euphrasius at Andugar.†† At Evora,‡‡ in Portugal, of S. Mancius, martyr. In

* Ferentum. † Accum. ‡ Vergium. § Abula.
‖ Urcum. ¶ Illiberum. ** Carteia.
†† Illiturgum. ‡‡ Ebora.

the island of Chio, the birth-day of S. Isiodore, martyr, in whose church there is a well, whereinto it is recorded that he was cast, the water of which being often drunk, heals the sick. At Lamsacum, in Hellespont, the passion of the Saints Peter, Andrew, Paul, and Dionysia. At Terranova,* in Sardinia, of S. Simplicius, bishop and martyr, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, under Barbarus, governor, being thrust through with a lance, accomplished his martyrdom. At Auvergne, of the holy martyrs Cassius, Victorinus, Maximus, and their companions. In Brabant, of S. Dympna, virgin and martyr, daughter to a king of Ireland, who for the faith of Christ, and preserving of her virginity, was by her own father's command beheaded.

C *The Sixteenth Day.*

At Eugubio,† of S. Ubald, bishop, renowned for miracles. In Isauria, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Aquilin and Victorian. At Auxerre,‡ the passion of S. Peregrine, the first bishop of that city, who being sent into France with others of the clergy by S. Sixtus, pope, after he had there preached the Gospel of Christ, condemned to die, deserved the crown of martyrdom. At Uzalis, in Africa, of the holy martyrs Felix and Gennadius. In Palestine, the passion of the holy monks slain by the Saracens at Laura, in the mo-

* Fausina. † Eugubium. ‡ Antisiodorum.

nastery of S. Sabas. In Persia, of the holy martyrs Audas, bishop, seven priests, nine deacons, and seven virgins, who under King Isdegerdes enduring divers kinds of torments, accomplished a most renowned martyrdom. At Amiens, in France, of S. Honoratus, bishop. At Mans,* of S. Domnolus, bishop. At Troys,† of S. Fidolus, confessor. In Scotland, of S. Brendan, abbot. At Frivoli,‡ of S. Maxima, virgin, who, adorned with many virtues, rested in our Lord. At Prague, in Bohemia, the birth-day of S. John Nepomucenus, martyr, who after many trials, and undergoing various sufferings, was cast into the river Moldau, and thus received the crown of martyrdom.

D *The Seventeenth Day.*

At Pisa, in Tuscany, of S. Torpes, martyr, who being a chief officer under Nero, and one of those, whom S. Paul the Apostle, writing from Rome to the Philippians, mentions, saying: "All the saints salute you, especially those that are of the house of Cæsar:" was for the faith of Christ, by the command of Satellicus, buffeted, most cruelly whipped, and cast unto the beasts to be devoured, by whom being nothing hurt, at last beheaded, accomplished his martyrdom upon the nine-and-twentieth day of April, but his feast is kept on this day, for the translation of his body. In

* Cenomanum. † Trecæ. ‡ Forum Julij.

Africa, of S. Restituta, virgin and martyr, who in the time of Valerian the emperor, being many ways tormented by Proculus, judge, was at last put into a little ship filled with pitch and tow, which set on fire, the flame thereof turning upon those that kindled the same, she in prayer gave up her soul to God. Her body, together with the said ship, being miraculously brought to the island of Evaria, near Naples, was of the Christians received with great reverence; and afterwards Constantine the Great caused a goodly church to be built in Naples in her honour. At Noyon,* of the holy martyrs Heradius, Paul, and Aquilin, with two others. At Chalcedon, of the holy martyrs Solochan, and his fellow-soldiers, under Maximian, emperor. At Alexandria, of the holy martyrs Adrio, Victor, and Basilla. At Wirtzburge,† of S. Bruno, bishop and confessor.

E *The Eighteenth Day.*

In Egypt, of S. Dioscorus, lector, who by the president of that country, being diversly and most cruelly tormented, by plucking off his nails, and scorching his sides with torches, [but the tormentors being terrified by the brightness of an heavenly light, fell to the ground,] at last, burned with fiery plates, accomplished his martyrdom. At Camerino, in Umbria, of S. Venant, martyr, who being but fifteen years of age, was under

Noviodunum. † Herbipolis.

Decius the emperor, and Antiochus, president, together with ten others, beheaded. At Spoleto, of S. Felix, bishop, who under Maximian, emperor, obtained the palm of martyrdom. In Egypt, of S. Potamon, bishop, who being first a confessor, under Maximian Galerius, was after in the time of Constantius, emperor, by Philagrius, the Arian president, crowned with martyrdom. At Ancyra, in Galatia, of S. Theodotus, martyr: also of the saints Thecusa, his aunt, Alexandria, Claudia, Faina, Euphrasia, Matrona, and Julitta, virgins, who being first brutishly sent unto the stews by the president, but preserved from infamy by the power of God, having stones tied to their necks, were drowned in a lake; whose relics when Theodotus had gathered together and honourably interred, being apprehended by the said president, and most cruelly tormented, at last beheaded, received the crown of martyrdom. At Opslo,* in Sweden, of S. Ericus, king and martyr. At Rome, of B. Felix, confessor, of the order of the Minorites Capuchins of S. Francis, who in the same city with a wonderful humility, and great edification of all the people, begged from door to door forty years for the sustenance of the said religious, at length, famous for virtues and miracles, he died there in our Lord.

* Upsalum.

F *The Nineteenth Day.*

At Rome, of S. Pudentiana, virgin, who after she had passed through innumerable combats, after she had most honourably buried the bodies of many holy martyrs, and distributed all her goods to the poor for the love of Christ, went at length from earth to heaven. There also, of S. Pudens, a senator, father to the said virgin, who being clothed with Christ in baptism by the apostles, preserved his innocent garment unspotted until he received the crown of life. Moreover, at Rome, in the way called Appia, the birth-day of the Saints Calocerus and Parthenius, eunuchs; of whom the former, being chief chamberlain to the wife of Decius the emperor, and the other also a principal officer, for refusing to sacrifice unto idols, were by the said Decius put to death. At Nicomedia, of S. Philoterus, martyr, son to Pacian the proconsul, who after many afflictions under Dioclesian the emperor, received the crown of martyrdom. There also, of six holy virgins and martyrs, of whom the chiefest was Cyriaca, who freely rebuking Maximian the tyrant for his impiety, being most cruelly beaten and torn, was finally burnt. The same day, of Saint Peter de Morono, who of an anchoret was created pope, and called Celestine the Fifth, but resigning his dignity, he betook himself again to a contemplative life in the wilderness, where, renowned for virtues and miracles, he went unto our Lord. At

Canterbury, of S. Dunstan, bishop. In Little Brittany, of S. Ivo, priest and confessor, who for the love of Christ defended the causes of orphans, widows, and the poor.

G *The Twentieth Day.*

At Aquila, in Abbruzzo,* of S. Bernardine of Sienna, of the order of the Minorites, who by his preaching and example greatly illustrated Italy. At Rome, in the way called Salaria, the birth-day of S. Basilla, virgin, who descended of a royal lineage, and betrothed to a most noble person, for refusing his marriage was by him accused unto Gallienus the emperor to be a Christian; of whom it was decreed, that either she should take him for her husband, or die by the sword; which when she refused to do, saying that she was already espoused to the King of kings, she was thrust through with a sword. At Nismes,† in France, of S. Bandelius, martyr, who for refusing to sacrifice unto idols, and persisting constant in the faith of Christ, after he had been cruelly whipped and otherwise tormented, by a precious death obtained the palm of martyrdom. At Edessa, in Syria, of the holy martyrs Thalalæus, Asterius, Alexander, and their companions, who suffered under Numerian, emperor. In Thebais, of S. Aquila, martyr, who was cruelly torn with iron combs for Christ. At Bourges,‡ in France,

* In Vestinis. † Nemausus. ‡ Bituricæ.

of S. Austregisilus, bishop and confessor. At Brescia, of S. Anastasius, bishop. At Pavia, of S. Theodore, bishop. At Rome, of S. Plautilla, a consul's wife, and mother to Blessed Flavia Domitilla, who, baptized by S. Peter the apostle, renowned for all kinds of virtues, rested in peace.

A *The One-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Cæsarea,* in Africa, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Timothy, Polius, and Eutychius, deacons, who for preaching the word of God in those parts, deserved to be crowned together with martyrdom. At Cæsarea in Cappadocia, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Polieuctus, Victorius, and Donatus. At Cordova, of S. Secundinus, martyr. The same day, of the holy martyrs Synesius and Theopompus. At Cæsarea Philippi, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Nicostratus and Antiochus, tribunes, with other soldiers. The same day, of S. Valens, bishop, who with three children was put to death. At Alexandria, the commemoration of the holy martyrs Secundus, priest, and others, who in the festival days of Pentecost, under Constantius the emperor, were commanded to be cruelly killed by George, the Arian bishop. Also of the holy bishops and priests, who, banished by the Arians, deserved to be made partakers of the glory of confessors. At Nizza,† in France, of S. Hospitius, confessor,

* Mauritania Cæsariensis. † Nicia.

renowned for the virtue of abstinence, and spirit of prophecy.

B *The Two-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Rome, of the holy martyrs Faustin, Timothy, and Venustus. In Africa, of the holy martyrs Castus, and Æmilius, who finished their martyrdom by the fire. These men, as S. Cyprian writes, yielding in the first assault, by the help of our Lord became conquerors in the second, and more strong than the fire itself, who before had yielded to the fire. In Corsica, of S. Julia, virgin, who by the death of the cross obtained the crown of martyrdom. At Comana, in Pontus, of S. Basiliscus, martyr, who under Maximian, emperor, and Agrippa, president, being compelled to put on iron shoes, stuck full of hot fiery nails, besides the enduring of many other torments, at last beheaded, and cast into a river, obtained the glory of martyrdom. In Spain, of S. Quiteria, virgin and martyr. At Ravenna, of S. Marcian, bishop and confessor. In the territory of Auxerre,* of S. Romanus, abbot, who served S. Benet in his cave, and after going into France, having there erected a monastery, and left many disciples and followers of his virtues, went to rest in our Lord. At Aquin, of S. Fulk, confessor. At Auxerre, of S. Helena, virgin.

* Antisiodorum.

C *The Three-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Langres,* in France, the passion of S. Desiderius, bishop, who seeing his flock vexed by the army of the Vandals, went to their king to entreat for them, who commanding him forthwith to have his throat cut, he willingly stretched forth his neck, in behalf of the sheep committed to his charge, and so by the sword went unto Christ. There suffered also with him many others of his flock, which lie buried in the same city. In Spain, of the holy martyrs Epitacius, bishop, and Basil. In Africa, of the holy martyrs Quinctian, Lucius, and Julian, who, suffering in the persecution of the Vandals, deserved eternal crowns. In Cappadocia, the commemoration of the holy martyrs, who in the persecution of Maximian Galerius, having their thighs broken, were killed. Also of others, who at the same time in Mesopotamia, hanged up by the feet, with their heads downward, stifled with smoke, and consumed with a slow fire, accomplished their martyrdom. In the territory of Lyons, of S. Desiderius, bishop of Vienne, who, stoned to death by the command of king Theodoricus, was crowned a martyr. At Synnada, in Phrygia, of S. Michael, bishop. The same day, of S. Mercurialis, bishop. At Naples, in Campania, of S. Euphebius, bishop. At Nursia, of the Saints Eutychius and Florentius, monks, of whom S. Gregory, pope, makes mention.

* Lingonæ.

D *The Four-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Antioch, the birth-day of S. Manahen, foster-brother to Herod the tetrarch, doctor and prophet under the grace of the new Testament, who lies buried in the same city. Also of S. Joane, wife to Chusas, Herod's steward, of whom S. Luke the evangelist makes mention. At Porto,* the birth-day of S. Vincent, martyr. At Brescia,† of S. Afra, martyr, who suffered under Adrian the emperor. At Nantes,‡ in the Lesser Brittany, of the blessed martyrs Donatian and Rogatian, brothers, who under Dioclesian, emperor, for the confession of their faith, being first cast into prison, then racked upon the torture *Equuleus*, and cut with knives, afterwards thrust through with a lance, were lastly beheaded. In Istria, of the holy martyrs Zoellus, Servilius, Felix, Silvan, and Diocles. The same day, of the holy martyrs Meletius, a captain, and two hundred and fifty-two of his companions, who by divers kinds of death accomplished their martyrdom. Also of the holy martyrs Susanna, Marciana, and Palladia, wives to certain of the aforesaid soldiers, who with their little children were all broken in pieces. At Milan, of S. Robustian, martyr. In the monastery of Lyrina, of S. Vincent, priest, renowned for his learning and sanctity. At Bolonia, the translation of S. Dominick, confessor, in the time of pope Gregory the Ninth.

* Portus Romanus. † Brixia. ‡ Nannetes.

E *The Five-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Rome, in the way called Numentana, the birth-day of S. Urban, pope and martyr, by whose exhortations and doctrine, many [amongst whom were Tiburtius and Valerian] received the faith of Christ, and suffered martrydom for the same. He himself also, in the persecution of Alexander Severus, having endured much for the church of God, at last beheaded, obtained the crown of martyrdom. At Dorostorum,* in Mysia, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Passicrates, Valention, and two others, crowned together. At Milan, of S. Denys, bishop, who by Constantius the Arian emperor banished into Cappadocia for the Catholic faith, there gave up his soul to God, nearer the title of a martyr than of a confessor. His holy body was sent to S. Ambrose at Milan, by Aurelius, bishop, and by the assistance of S. Basil the Great, as is recorded. At Rome, of S. Boniface, pope, the fourth of that name, who dedicated the temple of all the gods, called Pantheon, to the honour of our Blessed Lady at the Martyrs. At Salerno, the deposition of blessed pope Gregory the Seventh, an earnest protector and defender of the church's liberty. At Florence, the birth-day of S. Zenobius, bishop of the same city, renowned for holiness of life and miracles. In England, of S. Aldhelm, bishop of Sherborne.† In the territory of Troys,‡ of S. Leo,

* Now called Busia. † Schireburgum. ‡ Tricassium.

confessor. At Assisi, in Umbria, the translation of S. Francis, confessor, in the time of pope Gregory the Ninth. At Verula, in Campania,* the translation of S. Mary, mother to S. James, whose holy body is honoured with very many miracles. At Florence, of B. Magdalen, virgin, of the order of the Carmelites, famous for her life and sanctity.

F *The Six-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Rome, of S. Philip Neri, founder of the congregation of the Oratorians, renowned for the gift of virginal purity and prophecy. Also at Rome, of S. Eleutherius, pope and martyr, who converted many of the Roman nobility to the faith of Christ, and sent the Saints Damian and Fugatius into Brittany, who baptized king Lucius with his queen, and almost all his people. Moreover at Rome, of the holy martyrs Simitrius, priest, and two-and-twenty others, who suffered under Antoninus Pius. At Athens, the birth-day of S. Quadratus, disciple of the Apostles, who by his faith and industry gathering together the church, dispersed through fear of persecution, under Adrian the emperor, offered up unto him in defence of the Christian religion a very profitable book, and worthy the doctrine of the apostles. At Vienna, of S. Zachary, bishop and martyr, who suffered under Trajan. In Africa, of S.

* Hernici.

Quadratus, martyr, upon whose feast S. Augustin made a sermon. At Todi,* the birth-day of the holy martyrs Felicissimus, Heraclius, and Paulinus. In the territory of Auxerre,† the passion of S. Priscus, martyr, with a great number more of Christians. At Canterbury, in England, of S. Augustin, bishop, who being sent thither, together with others, by S. Gregory, pope, preached the Gospel of Christ to the English nation; and there, renowned for virtues and miracles, went to rest in our Lord.

G *The Seven-and-Twentieth Day.*

The birth-day of S. John, pope and martyr, who by Theodoricus, an Arian king of Italy, being called to Ravenna, after long starving in prison for the orthodox faith, there ended his life. At Dorostorum, in Mysia, the passion of S. Julius, who having been an ancient soldier, and by license having given over the wars, was in the time of Alexander the emperor, apprehended by the officers, and presented before Maximus the president, in whose presence detesting the idols, and constantly professing the name of Christ, received the sentence of death. At Sora, of S. Restituta, virgin and martyr, who under Aurelian, emperor, and Agathius, proconsul, in a combat for her faith overcoming the violence of the devil, the flatteries of her kindred, and the cruelty of her

* Tudertum. † Antisiodorum.

tormentors, was at last, together with other Christians, beheaded, and crowned with martyrdom. In the territory of Arras,* of S. Ranulph, martyr. At Orange,† in France, of S. Eutropius, bishop, famous for his virtues and miracles. The same day, the deposition of Venerable Bede, priest, very renowned for his sanctity and learning.

A *The Eight-and-Twentieth Day.*

In Sardinia, of the holy martyrs Æmilius, Felix, Priamus, and Lucian, who for Christ were crowned with martyrdom. At Chartres,‡ in France, of S. Caraunus, martyr, who under Domitian the emperor, by loss of his head obtained the crown of martyrdom. At Corinth, of S. Helconi des, martyr, who being first under Gordian, emperor, and Perennius, president, afflicted many ways, and then again tormented by Justin his successor, but delivered by an angel; having also her breasts cut off, cast unto the beasts, and tried by the fire, was at last beheaded, and so accomplished her martyrdom. Also the passion of the Saints Crescens, Dioscorides, Paul, and Helladius. At Thecuis, in Palestine, of the holy monks, martyrs, who were killed by the Saracens, in the days of Theodosius the Younger; whose sacred relics the inhabitants gathering together, kept them with great veneration and reverence

* Atrebatum. † Arausia. ‡ Carnotum.

At Paris, of S. German, bishop and confessor, whose holiness of life and miracles how great they were, Fortunatus, bishop, has left written. At Milan, of S. Senator, bishop, very renowned for his virtues and learning. At Urgella, in Spain, in Tarraconia, of S. Justus, bishop. At Florence, of S. Podius, bishop and confessor.

B *The Nine-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Rome, in the way called Aurelia, the birth-day of S. Restitutus, martyr. At Iconium,* a city in Isauria, the passion of the Saints Conon, and his son of twelve years old, who under Aurelian, emperor, being broiled upon a gridiron, and oil poured upon them, racked upon the torture *Equuleus*, and burned with fire, at last, having their hands all bruised to pieces with a mallet, gave up the ghost. The same day, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Sisinnius, Martyrius, and Alexander, who in the days of Honorius the emperor, as Paulinus writes in the life of S. Ambrose, through the persecution of the Gentiles obtained the crown of martyrdom in the country of Anaunia. At Cæsarea Philippi, of the holy martyrs Theodosia, mother to S. Procopius, martyr, and twelve other noble matrons, who in the persecution of Dioclesian were beheaded. In Umbria, the passion of a thousand five hundred and twenty-five holy martyrs. At Trevers, of S.

* Now called Cogne.

Maximinus, bishop and confessor, who very honourably entertained S. Athanasius in his exile, in the persecution of the Arians. At Verona, of S. Maximus, bishop. At Arcano, in Latium, of S. Eleutherius, confessor.

C *The Thirtieth Day.*

At Rome, in the way called Aurelia, the birthday of S. Felix, pope and martyr, who under Aurelian, emperor, was crowned with martyrdom. At Torre,* in Sardinia, of the holy martyrs Gabinus and Crispulus. At Antioch, of the Saints Sycus and Palatin, who for the name of Christ endured many torments. At Ravenna, of S. Exuperantius, bishop and confessor. At Pavia, of S. Anactasius, bishop. At Cæsarea in Cappadocia, of the Saints Basil and Emmelia his wife, father and mother to S. Basil the Great; who in the days of Galerius Maximian being banished, inhabited the deserts of Pontus; and the persecution ceasing, leaving their children heirs of their virtues, rested in peace.

D *The One-and-Thirtieth Day.*

At Rome, of S. Petronilla, virgin, daughter to S. Peter the Apostle, who contemning the marriage of Flaccus, a nobleman, taking three days

* Turres.

to deliberate, in the meanwhile attending to prayer and fasting, the third day, after she had received the holy Sacrament of Christ's body, gave up the ghost. At Aquileia, of the holy martyrs Cantius and Cantian, brothers, and Cantianilla, their sister, who, descended of the noble family of Anicius, under Dioclesian and Maximian, emperors, for constant profession of the Christian faith, together with their schoolmaster Protus, were beheaded. At Torre,* in Sardinia, of S. Crescentian, martyr. At Comana, in Pontus, of S. Hermias, soldier, who under Antoninus, emperor, being miraculously delivered from many and most cruel torments, converted the executioner to Christ, and made him partaker of the same crown of martyrdom, which notwithstanding himself first obtained by the loss of his head. At Verona, of S. Lupicin, bishop. At Rome, of S. Paschasius, deacon and confessor, of whom S. Gregory, pope, makes mention.

June.

E *The First Day.*

At Rome, of S. Juventius, martyr. At Cæsarea, in Palestine, of S. Pamphilus, priest and martyr, a man of great holiness and learning, and very liberal to the poor, who in the persecution of

* Turres.

Galerius Maximian, being first tormented under Urban, president, and cast into prison, and afterwards again tormented under Firmilian for the faith of Christ, together with others, accomplished his martyrdom. There suffered also at the same time Valens, a deacon, and Paul, with nine others, whose memories are celebrated upon other days. At Austum,* of the Saints Reverian, bishop, and Paul, priest, with ten others, who under Aurelian, emperor, were crowned with martyrdom. In Cappadocia, of S. Thespesius, martyr, who under Alexander the emperor, and Simplicius, governor, after other torments was beheaded. In Egypt, of the holy martyrs Ischyrion, a captain, and of five other soldiers, who under Dioclesian the emperor, were in different manners put to death for the faith of Christ. Moreover, of S. Firmus, martyr, who in the persecution of Maximian was sore whipped, beaten with stones, and finally beheaded. At Perugia, of the holy martyrs Felin and Gratinian, soldiers, who under Decius diversly tormented, by a glorious death received the crown of martyrdom. At Bolonia, of S. Proculus, martyr, who suffered under Maximian, emperor. At Ameria,† of S. Secundus, martyr, who under Dioclesian cast into the river Tiber, accomplished his martyrdom. At Castello,‡ in Umbria, of S. Crescentian, a Roman soldier, crowned a martyr under the same emperor. In Umbria, of S. Fortunatus, priest, renowned for his virtues and miracles. In the monastery of Lyrina, of S. Capra-

* Augustodunum. † Olim Amenia. ‡ Typhernum.

sius, abbot. At Trevers, of S. Simeon, monk, who was canonized for a saint by pope Benedict the Ninth.

F *The Second Day.*

At Rome, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Marcellin, priest, and Peter, exorcist, who instructed in prison many in the faith, under Dioclesian, after cruel chains, and very many torments, were by the command of Serenus, judge, beheaded, in the place which was then called the Black Forest,* but afterward in honour of the Saints changing its name, was called the White Forest.† Their bodies were buried in a cave near to S. Tiburtius, and afterwards S. Damasus, pope, adorned their tomb with verses. In Campania, of S. Erasmus, bishop and martyr, who under Dioclesian the emperor, was first beaten with leaden whips, and then grievously bruised with cudgels, had also rosin, brimstone, lead, pitch, wax, and oil poured upon him, and nothing hurt thereby, was afterward at Mola,‡ under Maximian, again put to many and most cruel torments, but still preserved by God for the confirmation of others in their faith, at last called by our Lord, famous for his martyrdom, made a holy end. His body was afterwards translated unto Cajeta. At Lyons,§ of the holy martyrs Photinus, bishop, Sanctus, deacon, Vetius, Epagathus,

* Sylva Nigra. † Sylva Candida. ‡ Formiæ. § Lugdunum.

Maturus, Ponticus, Biblis, Attalus, Alexander, and Blandina, with many others, whose glorious and frequent combats, in the time of Marcus Aurelius Antoninus, and Lucius Verus, are written in a letter of the church of Lyons to the churches of Asia and Phrygia: amongst whom S. Blandina, weaker than the rest in sex and body, and of a meaner condition, having endured more long and grievous torments, and still remaining constant, slain at last by the sword, followed the rest whom she had exhorted to the palm of martyrdom. At Rome, of S. Eugenius, pope and confessor.

G *The Third Day.*

At Arezzo,* in Tuscany, of the holy martyrs Pergentin and Laurentin, brothers, who in the persecution of Decius, under Tiburtius, president, being yet but children, after cruel torments endured, and many miracles wrought, died by the sword. At Constantinople, of the holy martyrs Lucillian, and four children, Claudius, Hypatius, Paul, and Denys; of whom Lucillian, having been of an idolatrous priest made a Christian, after divers torments was cast into a burning furnace, together with his companions, which being miraculously extinguished by a shower of rain, they all remained without harm: and lastly, he being nailed to a cross, and the children beheaded, under Silvan, governor, they accom-

* Aretium.

plished their martyrdom. There also, of S. Paula, virgin and martyr, who for gathering up the blood of the aforesaid martyrs, apprehended, whipped, and cast into the fire, but miraculously delivered, was at last also beheaded, in the same place where Lucillian was crucified. At Cordova, in Spain, of S. Isaac, monk, who died by the sword for the faith of Christ. At Carthage, of S. Cæcilius, priest, who converted S. Cyprian to the faith of Christ. In the territory of Orleans, of S. Liphardus, priest and confessor. At Luca, in Tuscany, of S. Davin, confessor. At Paris, of S. Clotildis, queen, by whose prayers her husband king Clodoveus was converted to the faith of Christ. At Anagnia, of S. Oliva, virgin.

A *The Fourth Day.*

At Rome, of the holy martyrs Aretius and Dacian. At Siscy,* in Sclavonia, of S. Quirin, bishop, who under Galerius, president, having for the faith of Christ, [as Prudentius writes,] a millstone tied to his neck, was cast into a river, but the stone swimming above the water, after he had long exhorted the Christians not to be terrified with his punishment, nor yet to waver in their faith, by his prayers obtained of God that he might be drowned, thereby to attain the glory of martyrdom. At Brescia, of S. Clateus, bishop

*Siscia.

and martyr, under the emperor Nero. In Pannonia, of the holy martyrs Rutilus, and his companions. At Arras,* of S. Saturnina, virgin and martyr. At Tivoli,† of S. Quirin, martyr. At Constantinople, of S. Metrophanes, bishop, and a renowned confessor. At Mela,‡ in Numidia, of S. Optatus, bishop, famous for his learning and sanctity. At Verona, of S. Alexander, bishop.

B *The Fifth Day.*

In Egypt, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Marcian, Nicanor, Apollonius, and others, who in the persecution of Galerius Maximian accomplished a glorious martyrdom. At Perusia, of the holy martyrs Florent, Julian, Cyriacus, Marcellin, and Faustin, who in the persecution of Decius were beheaded. At Cæsarea in Palestine, the passion of the Saints Zenaides, Cyria, Valeria, and Marcia, who after many torments joyfully obtained the crown of martyrdom. At Tyrus, of S. Dorotheus, priest, who having suffered much under Dioclesian, and living until the time of Julian, under him, being an hundred and seven years old, adorned his venerable age with martyrdom. The same day, of S. Boniface, bishop of Mentz,§ who coming out of England to Rome, and sent back into Germany by pope Gregory the Second, to preach the faith of Christ to that nation, after he had converted a great num-

* Attrebatum. † Tibur. ‡ Olim Milevus. § Moguntium.

ber, especially those of Friesland, to the Christian religion, deserved to be called the Apostle of the Germans: and finally being put to the sword by the furious Gentiles in Friesland, together with Eoban, and other servants of God, accomplished his martyrdom. At Cordova, in Spain, of S. Sancius, a young man, who though he had been trained up in the king's court, was not afraid notwithstanding to suffer martyrdom for the faith of Christ, in the persecution of the Arabians.

C *The Sixth Day.*

Of S. Norbert, bishop of Magdeburge, founder of the order called Præmonstratensis. At Cæsarea in Palestine, the birth-day of S. Philip, one of the first seven deacons; who, renowned for miracles and prodigies, converted the country of Samaria to the faith of Christ, and baptized the eunuch of Candaces, queen of Æthiopia; and finally ending his blessed days in peace, lies buried at Cæsarea, near unto three of his daughters, prophetesses, for his fourth daughter, full of the Holy Ghost, died at Ephesus. At Rome, of S. Artemius, together with his wife Candida, and his daughter Paulina, who, converted unto Christ by the preaching and miracles of Saint Peter the exorcist, and with all his family baptized by S. Marcellin, priest, was by the command of Serenus, judge, cruelly scourged with leaden whips, and then beheaded: but his wife and daughter,

thrust into a cave, were there overwhelmed with stones and rubbish. At Tharsus in Cilicia, of twenty holy martyrs, who in the days of Dioclesian and Maximian, under Simplicius, judge, by divers torments glorified God in their bodies. At Noyon,* in France, of the holy martyrs Amantius, Alexander, and their companions. At Fiesoli,† in Tuscany, of S. Alexander, bishop and martyr. At Milan, the deposition of S. Eustorgius the Second, bishop and confessor. At Verona, of S. John, bishop. At Besancon,‡ in France, of S. Claudius, bishop.

D *The Seventh Day.*

At Constantinople, the birth-day of S. Paul, bishop of the same city, who being often driven thence by the Arians for the Catholic faith, and restored again by S. Julius, bishop of Rome, at last by Constantius the Arian emperor sent into banishment to Cucusa, a little town in Cappadocia, was there strangled barbarously by the craft of the Arians, and so went unto our Lord: whose body in the time of Theodosius the emperor, with great honour was translated to Constantinople. In Egypt, of S. Licarion, martyr, who, cut with knives, torn with whips of iron fiery hot, and having endured other most cruel torments, at last beheaded, accomplished his martyrdom. At Cordova, of the holy martyrs Peter, priest, Walabon-

* Noviodunum. † Fæsulæ. ‡ Vesontio.

sus, deacon, Sabinian, Wistremund, Habentius, and Jeremy, monks. In England, of S. Robert, abbot, of the order of Cisterce.

E *The Eighth Day.*

At Aix,* in France, of S. Maximinus, the first bishop of that city, who is said to have been the disciple of our Lord. The same day, of S. Calliopa, martyr, who having her breasts cut off for the faith of Christ, and the flesh seared with a burning iron, rolled also upon sharp potsherds, at last beheaded, received the palm of martyrdom. At Soissons,† in France, the birth-day of S. Medard, bishop of Noyon,‡ whose holy life and precious death are commended by renowned miracles. At Roan,§ of S. Gildard, bishop, brother to the same S. Medard, who both born upon one day, and upon one day ordained bishops, being also upon one and the self-same day taken out of this life, went together to heaven. At Sens,‖ of S. Heraclius, bishop. At Metz,¶ of S. Clodulphus, bishop. In Marc Ancona,** of S. Severin, bishop of Septempeda.†† In Sardinia, of S. Sallustian, confessor. At Camerino, of S. Victorin, confessor

* Aquæ. † Suessones. ‡ Noviomum. § Rotomagus ‖ Senones. ¶ Metis. ** Olim Pitenum. †† San-Severino.

F *The Ninth Day.*

At Rome, upon Mount Celius, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Primus and Felician, under Dioclesian and Maximian, emperors. These glorious martyrs having lived a long life in our Lord, and both together and severally endured divers and exquisite torments, at last, by sentence of Promotus, president of Nomento, being beheaded, accomplished the course of their happy combat. At Agen,* in France, the passion of S. Vincent, deacon and martyr. At Antioch, of S. Pelagia, virgin and martyr, whose praises S. Ambrose and S. John Chrysostom have left written. At Syracosa,† of S. Maximian, bishop, of whom S. Gregory, pope, makes often mention. At Andria, in Apulia, of S. Richard, first bishop of the same city, famous for miracles. In Scotland, of S. Columb, priest and confessor. At Edessa, in Syria, of S. Julian, monk, whose worthy deeds S. Ephrem, deacon, has left written.

G *The Tenth Day.*

At Rome, in the way called Salaria, the passion of S. Getulius, a noble, and very learned man, and of his companions Cærealis, Amantius, and Primitivus, who by the command of Adrian the emperor, being apprehended by Licinius, that

* Agennum. † Syracusæ.

had been consul, were first beaten, then cast into prison, and lastly into the fire, but receiving no hurt thereby, having their heads broken in pieces with cudgels, accomplished their martyrdom: whose bodies Symphorosa, wife to S. Getulius, gathering together, buried them honourably in a place belonging to her manor. At Rome, in the way called Aurelia, the birth-day of SS. Basilides, Tripus, Mandales, and twenty other martyrs, under Aurelian, emperor, and Plato, governor of the city. At Nicomedia, of S. Zachary, martyr. At Prusias, in Bithynia, of S. Timothy, bishop and martyr, under Julian the Apostate. In Spain, of the holy martyrs Crispulus, and Restitutus. In Africa, of the holy martyrs Aresius, Rogatus, and fifteen others. At Cullen, of S. Maurin, abbot and martyr. At Petra, in Arabia, of S. Asterius, bishop, who having suffered much from the Arians for the Catholic faith, banished by Constantius the emperor into Africa, died a glorious confessor. At Auxerre,* of S. Censurius, bishop. In Scotland, of S. Margaret, queen, renowned for her charity to the poor, and voluntary poverty.

A *The Eleventh Day.*

The birth-day of S. Barnaby, apostle, who born in Cyprus, and ordained apostle of the Gentiles together with S. Paul, travelled with him into

* Antisiodorum.

many provinces, exercising the function of preaching the Gospel committed to his charge; and lastly, going into Cyprus, there adorned his apostleship with a glorious martyrdom: whose body [himself revealing the same] was found in the time of Zeno the emperor, together with S. Matthew's Gospel, written with his own hand. At Aquileia, the passion of the Saints Felix and Fortunatus, brothers, who in the persecution of Dioclesian and Maximian, after they had been racked upon the torture *Equuleus*, and burning torches put unto their sides, [which by the divine power were forthwith extinguished] and after boiling oil poured upon their bellies, they still persisting in the confession of Christ, at last were beheaded. At Bolonia, of S. Parisius, confessor, monk of the order of Camaldoli.* At Rome, the translation of S. Gregory Nazianzen, whose holy body having been brought from Constantinople to Rome, and there kept a long time in the church of the mother of God in Campo-Martio, was by pope Gregory the Thirteenth with great solemnity translated into a chapel in the church of S. Peter, which for that purpose he had most sumptuously adorned, and the day after with due honour placed under the altar.

* Camaldulum.

B *The Twelfth Day.*

At Rome, in the way called Aurelia, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Basilides, Cyrinus, Nabor, and Nazarius, soldiers, who in the persecution of Dioclesian and Maximian, under Aurelius, governor, for the confession of Christ being cast into prison, and then torn with whips called scorpions, were at last beheaded. At Nice, in Bithynia, of S. Antonina, martyr, who in the same persecution, by the command of Priscillian, president, being sore beaten with cudgels, racked upon the torture *Equuleus*, her sides torn and scorched with fire, was finally beheaded. In Thracia, of S. Olympius, bishop, who, expelled out of his bishopric by the Arians, died a confessor. In Cilicia, of S. Amphion, bishop and renowned confessor, in the time of Galerius Maximian. In Egypt, of S. Onuphrius, anchoret, who lived religiously threescore years in a vast desert, and famous for his great virtues and merits, rested in our Lord: whose memorable acts are written by Paphnutius, abbot.

C *The Thirteenth Day.*

At Padua, of S. Antony, confessor, born in Portugal, of the order of S. Francis, famous for preaching, holiness of life, and miracles. At Rome, in the way called Ardeatina, the birth-day

of S. Felicula, virgin and martyr, who refusing both to marry one called Flaccus, and to sacrifice unto idols, was convened before a certain judge, who seeing her remain constant in the confession of Christ, after she had endured a dark prison, and starving famine, caused her to be so long racked upon the torture *Equuleus*, until she gave up the ghost, and finally, her body to be taken down and thrown into a privy, which was by S. Nicomedes taken out, and buried in the same way. In Africa, of the holy martyrs Fortunatus and Lucian. At Biblus, in Palestine, of S. Aquilina, virgin and martyr, who being but twelve years of age, was under Dioclesian the emperor, and Volusian, judge, for the confession of her faith, buffeted, whipped, and had hot burning bodkins thrust into her body, at last beheaded, consecrated her virginity to God by martyrdom. In Abbruzzo,* of S. Peregrin, bishop and martyr, who by the Lombards was drowned for the Catholic faith in the river Pescara.† At Cordova, of S. Faudilas, priest and monk, who in the persecution of the Arabians being beheaded for the faith of Christ, obtained martyrdom. In Cyprus, of S. Tryphillius, bishop.

D *The Fourteenth Day.*

At Cæsarea in Cappadocia, the ordination of S. Basil, bishop, who in the time of Valens the

* In Pelignis. † Olim Aternum.

emperor, famous for learning and wisdom, and adorned with all sorts of virtues, wonderfully flourished, and with invincible constancy defended the church against the Arians and Macedonians. At Samaria in Palestine, of S. Elizeus, prophet, at whose sepulchre [as S. Jerom writes] the devils tremble: where also lies buried the prophet Abdias. At Syracosa,* of S. Marcian, bishop, who, ordained bishop by S. Peter, after he had preached the Gospel, was killed by the Jews. At Soissons,† of the holy martyrs Valerius and Ruffinus, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, after many torments, by the command of Rictionarus, president, were beheaded. At Cordova, of the holy martyrs Anastasius, priest, Felix, monk, and Digna, virgin. At Constantinople, of S. Methodius, bishop. At Vienna, of S. Ætherius, bishop. At Rhodes,‡ of S. Quinctian, bishop.

E *The Fifteenth Day.*

In Lucania,§ at the river Silar, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Vitus, Modestus, and Crescentia, under Dioclesian the emperor, who being brought thither out of Sicily, after they had endured hot boiling lead, and by the power of God overcome the beasts, and other cruel torments, ended the course of their glorious combat. At Dorostorum, in Mysia, of S. Hesychius, a soldier, who

* Syracusæ. † Suessiones. ‡ Rutheni, in France.
§ Hodie Calabria.

being apprehended with S. Julius, was a little after him, under Maximus, president, crowned with martyrdom. At Cordova, in Spain, of S. Benildes, martyr. At Zephyrium, in Cilicia, of S. Dulas, martyr, who under Maximian, president, for the name of Christ having been whipped, laid on a fiery gridiron, and scalded with boiling oil, and other ways tormented, obtained the palm of martyrdom. At Palmyra, in Syria, of the holy martyrs Libya and Leonides, sisters, and Eutropia, a girl of twelve years old, who by divers torments attained the crown of martyrdom. At Valencene, the deposition of S. Landelin, abbot. At Auvergne,* of S. Abraham, confessor, renowned for holiness of life and miracles.

F *The Sixteenth Day.*

At Besancon,† in France, of the holy martyrs Ferreolus, priest, and Ferrutius, deacon, who being sent by Saint Irenæus, bishop of Lyons, to preach the word of God, were under a judge called Claudius, after many torments beheaded. At Tharsus, in Cilicia, of the holy martyrs Quiricus, and Julitta his mother, under Dioclesian, emperor, of whom Quiricus, being but a child of three years old, and seeing his mother cruelly beaten with sinews in the presence of Alexander, president, pitifully crying, was dashed against the steps of the judgment-seat, and so died; but

* Atuernum. † Vesontio.

Julitta, after many most grievous stripes and torments, ended the course of her martyrdom by the loss of her head. At Mentz,* the passion of the Saints Aureus, and Justina, his sister, and other martyrs, who being in the Church at Mass, were killed by the Huns, in their pillaging of Germany. At Amathusia,† in Cyprus, of S. Tychon, bishop, in the time of Theodosius the Younger. At Lyons, the deposition of S. Aurelian, bishop of Arles.‡ At Nantes,§ in Little Brittany, of S. Similian, bishop and confessor. At Miessen,‖ in Germany, of S. Benno, bishop. In Brabant, of S. Lutgard, virgin. At La Louvese, the birth-day of S. John Francis Regis, confessor, of the society of Jesus.

G *The Seventeenth Day.*

At Rome, the birth-day of two hundred threescore and two holy martyrs, who in the persecution of Dioclesian were put to death for the faith of Christ, and buried in the old way of Salaria, at the foot of the hill Cucumer. At Tarracina, of S. Montanus, a soldier, who under Adrian the emperor, and Leontius, who had been consul, after many torments received the crown of martyrdom. At Venafri, of the holy martyrs Nicander and Marcian, who in the persecution of Maximian were beheaded. At Chalcedon, of the holy mar-

* Moguntiæ. † Olim Amathus. ‡ Arelatum.
Nannetes ‖ Misna.

tyrs Manuel, Sabel, and Ismael, who being sent to Julian the apostate as legates from the king of Persia to treat of peace, and constantly refusing to worship the idols, as the emperor commanded, were beheaded. At Apollonia, in Macedonia, of the holy martyrs Isaurus, deacon, Innocent, Felix, Jeremy, and Peregrin, Athenians by birth, who by Tripontius the tribune put to divers kind of torments, were lastly beheaded. At Ameria, in Umbria, of S. Himerius, bishop, whose body was translated to Cremona. In the territory of Bourges,* of S. Gundulph, bishop. At Orleans, of S. Avitus, priest and confessor. In Phrygia, of S. Hipatius, confessor. Also of S. Bessarion, anchoret. At Pisa in Tuscany, of S. Rainerius, confessor.

A *The Eighteenth Day.*

At Rome, in the way called Ardeatina, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Marcus and Marcellian, brothers, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, being apprehended by Fabian, judge, and bound to a post, had sharp nails thrust into their feet; and when they ceased not still to praise the name of Christ, having their sides pierced with lances, they went to the kingdom of heaven with the glory of martyrdom. At Malaga, in Spain, of the holy martyrs Cyriacus, and Paula, virgin, who being stoned to death, rendered up their souls to

* Bituricæ.

God. At Tripoli, in Phœnicia, of S. Leontius, a soldier, who under Adrian, president, together with Hipatius, a tribune, and Theodulus, whom he had converted to Christ, by bitter torments attained the crown of martyrdom. The same day, of S. Ætherius, martyr, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, after fire and other torments, was beheaded. At Alexandria, the passion of S. Marina, virgin. At Bourdeaux, of S. Amandus, bishop and confessor. At Sacca, in Sicily, of S. Calogerus, hermit, whose sanctity appears most in freeing possessed persons. At Sconaw,* of S. Elizabeth, virgin, famous for observance of monastical discipline.

B *The Nineteenth Day.*

At Milan, of the holy martyrs Gervase and Protase, brothers, of whom the former, by the command of Astasius, judge, was so long beaten with leaden whips until he gave up the ghost; the other being all bruised with cudgels, was at last beheaded. Their bodies by revelation were found by S. Ambrose all besprinkled with blood, and as fresh as if they had been martyred the same day. At whose translation a blind man, touching their coffin, recovered his sight, and many vexed with evil spirits were delivered. At Ravenna, of S. Ursicin, martyr, who under Paulinus, judge, after many torments constantly endured for the confes-

* Sconaugia.

sion of his faith, being beheaded, accomplished his martyrdom. At Sozopolis, of S. Zosimus, martyr, who in the persecution of Trajan, under Domitian, president, after bitter torments beheaded, went triumphantly to our Lord. At Arezzo,* in Tuscany, of the holy martyrs Gaudentius, bishop, and Culmatius, deacon, who in the time of Valentinian were slain by the fury of the Gentiles. The same day, of S. Boniface, martyr, disciple of S. Romuald, who being sent into Russia by the bishop of Rome to preach the Gospel, after he had passed through fire without harm, and baptized both the king and many of his people, being slain by the king's furious brother, received the crown of martyrdom which he desired. At Ravenna, of S. Romuald, anchoret, founder of the monks called Camaldulenses, who restored the eremitical discipline, much decayed in Italy, and greatly dilated the same.

C *The Twentieth Day.*

The birth-day of S. Silverius, pope and martyr, who refusing to restore Anthimus, an heretical bishop, deposed by his predecessor Agapitus, was, at the instigation of the wicked Theodora, empress, banished into the island of Pontia by Bellisarius, where, worn away with many miseries for the Catholic faith, he departed this life. At Rome, the deposition of S. Novatus, son to bless-

* Aretium.

ed Pudens the senator, and brother to S. Timothy, priest, and to the holy virgins Pudentiana and Praxedes, who were all instructed in the faith by the apostles; and their house, afterwards converted into a church, was called by the title of Pastor. At Tomis, in Pontus, of the holy martyrs Paul and Cyriacus. At Petra, in Palestine, of S. Macarius, bishop, who having suffered much by the Arians, banished into Africa, there rested in our Lord. At Seville, in Spain, of S. Florentia, virgin, sister to the Saints Leander and Isidore, bishops.

D *The One-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Rome, of S. Demetria, virgin, who was crowned with martyrdom under Julian the Apostate. At Siracosa,* in Sicily, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Rufinus and Martia. In Africa, of the holy martyrs Cyriacus and Apollinaris. At Mentz,† of S. Alban, martyr, who after many labours and hard conflicts for the faith of Christ, was made worthy the crown of life. The same day, of S. Eusebius, bishop of Samosata, who in the time of Constantius, the Arian emperor, disguised in a soldier's weed, visited the churches of God, that he might confirm them in the Catholic faith; but afterwards under Valens he was banished into Thracia, but the persecution ceasing in

* Syracusa. † Moguntia.

the time of Theodosius, he was called back out of banishment, and as he was one day visiting again his diocese, having his head broken with a tile which an Arian woman let fall upon him from a window, finally died a martyr. At Iconium,* in Lycaonia, of S. Terentius, bishop and martyr. At Pavia, of S. Urciscenus, bishop and confessor. At Tungres, of S. Martin, bishop. In the territory of Evreux,† of S. Leutfrid, abbot. At Rome, the birth-day of S. Aloysius Gonzaga, confessor, of the Society of Jesus.

E *The Two-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Nola, in Campania, the birth-day of S. Paulinus, bishop and confessor, who of a most noble and rich man, became poor and humble for Christ, yea, and which is more, sold himself to redeem a widow's son, whom the Vandals, having wasted Campania, had led captive into Africa. He was famous, not only for learning and abundant holiness of life, but also for his power over devils; whose great praises S. Ambrose, S. Jerom, S. Augustin, and S. Gregory have left written. His body being translated to Rome, is kept with great honour in the church of S. Bartholomew, in the island of Tiber, together with the body of the same apostle. In the mount Ararat, the passion of ten thousand holy martyrs, there crucified. At Verulam,‡ in England, of S. Alban, martyr,

* Now called Cogne. † Ebroicum. ‡ Now called S. Albans.

who in the time of Dioclesian, delivering himself to the persecutors for the saving of a cleric whom he had lodged in his house, after blows and grievous torments was beheaded. There suffered with him one of the soldiers which led him to the place of execution, who by the way being converted unto Christ, deserved to be baptized in his own blood. In Samaria, of a thousand four hundred and fourscore holy martyrs, under Cosroes, king of Persia. The same day, of S. Niceas, bishop of Romatiana, famous for his learning and holy life. At Naples, in Campania, of S. John, bishop, who was called to the kingdom of heaven, by S. Paulinus, bishop of Nola. In the monastery of Cluni, of S. Confortia, virgin.

F *The Three-and-Twentieth Day.*

THE vigil of S. John Baptist. At Rome, of S. John, priest, who under Julian the apostate was beheaded, in the old way called Salaria, before the idol of the Sun, and buried by S. Concordius, priest, near to the bodies of other martyrs. Also at Rome, of S. Agrippina, virgin and martyr, under Valerian, emperor, whose body being translated into Sicily, is there honoured with many miracles. At Sutri,* in Tuscany, of S. Felix, priest, whose mouth by the command of Turcius, governor, was so long beaten with a stone, until he gave up the ghost. At Nicomedia, the com-

* Sutrium.

memoration of many holy martyrs, who in the time of Dioclesian the emperor, lying hidden in mountains and caves, joyfully endured martyrdom for the name of Christ. At Philadelphia, in Arabia, of the holy martyrs Zenon, and Zenas his servant, who kissing the chains of his master, and beseeching him to accept of him for a partner in his torments, apprehended by the soldiers, received with his master the crown of martyrdom. In England, of S. Audry,* queen and virgin, who, renowned for sanctity and miracles, went to our Lord: whose body eleven years after her death was found uncorrupt.

G *The Four-and-Twentieth Day.*

The Nativity of S. John Baptist, precursor of our Lord, son to Zachary and Elizabeth; who being yet in his mother's womb, was filled with the Holy Ghost. At Rome, the commemoration of many holy martyrs, who under Nero the emperor, being falsely accused for burning the city, were by his command cruelly put to divers kinds of death; of whom some, put in beasts' skins, were exposed to the fury of dogs, others were crucified, and others burned, to serve, as it were, for lights in the night. All these were disciples of the Apostles, and the first-fruits of martyrs which the Church of Rome, afterwards very fertile in that kind, sent unto our Lord before the death of

* Ediltrudes.

the said apostles. There also, of the holy martyrs Faustus, and three-and-twenty others. At Satalis, in Armenia, of seven brothers, martyrs, Orentius, Heroes, Pharnacius, Firminus, Firmus, Cyriacus, and Longinus, soldiers, who for that they were Christians, being by Maximian, emperor, first deprived of their military cincture, and then separated from each other, were carried away into divers places, where in great misery and affliction they ended their days. At Cristolium, in the territory of Paris, the passion of the holy martyrs Agoard and Aglibert, with innumerable others, both men and women. At Austum,* the deposition of S. Simplicius, bishop and confessor. At Lob,† of S. Theodulph, bishop. At Stylo, in Calabria, of S. John, surnamed Therestus, greatly renowned for his monastical and holy life.

A *The Five-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Berœa, the birth-day of S. Sosipater, disciple to S. Paul the apostle. At Rome, of S. Lucy, virgin and martyr, with two-and-twenty others. At Alexandria, of S. Gallicanus, martyr, some time consul of Rome, who having been honoured with glorious triumphs, and dear to Constantine the emperor, being converted to the Christian faith by the Saints John and Paul, retired himself to Ostia, at the mouth of Tiber, where, together

* Augustodunum. † Laubium.

with S. Hilarinus, he gave himself wholly to hospitality and serving of the sick. The fame whereof being spread through the world, drew many thither from all parts, to see a man that had been senator and consul washing the feet of the poor, covering their table, pouring water on their hands, carefully serving the sick, and exercising all other works of mercy, but being driven thence under Julian the apostate, he went to Alexandria, where by Raucianus, judge, being urged to sacrifice unto idols, and contemning his command, by the loss of his head was made a martyr of Christ. At Sibapolis, in Syria, of S. Febronia, virgin and martyr, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, under Lysimachus, president, for defence of her faith and chastity, being first whipped, and racked upon the torture *Equuleus*, then torn with iron combs, and tormented by fire; having also her teeth struck out, and breasts cut off, at last being beheaded, adorned with so many jewels of her sufferings, went to her spouse. At Besancon,* in France, of S. Antidius, bishop and martyr, who was slain by the Vandals for the faith of Christ. At Rieux,† of S. Prosper of Aquitain, bishop of the same city, renowned for learning and piety; who stoutly defended the Catholic faith against the Pelagians. At Turino,‡ the birth-day of S. Maximus, bishop and confessor, very famous for learning and holiness. In Holland, of S. Adelbert, confessor, disciple to S. Willebrord, bishop. In the territory of Guletto, near Nosca,§ of S.

* Vesontio. † Rhegium. ‡ Taurinum. § Nuscum.

William, confessor, founder of the hermits of Mount-Virgin.

B *The Six-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Rome, in Mount Cœlius, of the holy martyrs John and Paul, brothers, of whom the former being steward, the other chief secretary to Constantia, virgin, daughter to Constantine the emperor: were under Julian the apostate both beheaded, and so obtained the palm of martyrdom. At Trent, of S. Vigilius, bishop, who whilst he endeavoured wholly to root out the relics of idolatry, stoned to death by the barbarous people for the name of Christ, accomplished his martyrdom. At Cordova in Spain, the birth-day of S. Pelagius, a youth, who by the command of Abdaramenus, king of the Saracens, being pulled in pieces with tongs of iron, gloriously accomplished his martyrdom. At Valencene,* the passion of the Saints Salvius, bishop of Angolesme, and Superius, martyrs. Also the memory of S. Anthelm, bishop of Bellay.† At Poitiers,‡ of S. Maxentius, priest and confessor, famous for miracles. At Thessalonica, of S. David, hermit. The same day, of S. Perseveranda, virgin.

* Valencenæ. † Bellica. ‡ Pictavium.

C *The Seven-and-Twentieth Day.*

In Galatia, of S. Crescens, disciple to S. Paul the apostle, who making a journey into France, did by his preaching convert many there to the faith of Christ; but afterwards returning back to the Galatians, for whom he was specially ordained bishop, when he had confirmed that people, in the service of our Lord even to the end of his life, at last under Trajan accomplished his martyrdom. At Cordova, of the holy martyrs Zoilus, and nineteen others. At Cæsarea, in Palestine, of S. Anectus, martyr, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, under Urban, president, for exhorting others to martyrdom, having cast down certain idols by his prayers, was commanded to be whipped by ten soldiers; having his hands and feet cut off, at last beheaded, received the crown of martyrdom. At Constantinople, of S. Sampson, priest, a great harbourer of the poor. In the territory of Tours,* of S. John, priest and confessor. At Varadin, in Hungary, of S. Ladislaus, king, who is greatly renowned for miracles, even until this day.

D *The Eight-and-Twentieth Day.*

The vigil of the holy apostles S. Peter and Paul. At Rome, of S. Leo, pope, the second of that name. At Lyons, in France, of S. Irenæus,

* Turones.

bishop and martyr, who, as S. Jerom writes, was disciple to S. Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, and lived near the time of the apostles, after he had valiantly resisted the heretics, both by word and writing, was in the persecution of Severus, together with almost all the people of his city, crowned with a glorious martyrdom. At Alexandria, in the same persecution of Severus, of the holy martyrs, Plutarch, Serenus, Heraclides, a catechumen, Heron, a new-made Christian, and of another Serenus, of Rhais, also a catechumen, of Potamiœna, and Marcella, her mother; amongst whom the most famous was Potamiœna, virgin, who having first endured many and grievous conflicts for the defence of her virginity, and afterwards put unto most exquisite and unheard-of torments, at last for the Christian faith was, together with her mother, burned. The same day, of S. Papius, martyr, who in the persecution of Dioclesian having been sore whipped, and cast into a caldron of boiling oil and tallow, and having suffered other most horrible torments, was at last beheaded. At Maestricht,* of S. Benignus, bishop and martyr. At Cordova, of S. Argymirus, monk and martyr, who in the persecution of the Arabians was slain for the faith of Christ. At Rome, of S. Paul, pope and confessor.

* Trajectum.

E *The Nine-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Rome, the birth-day of the holy apostles S. Peter and S. Paul, who in the same year and same day suffered martyrdom under Nero the emperor; of whom S. Peter, crucified with his head downward, in the same city, and buried in the Vatican, near to the triumphal street, is honoured of the whole world: but S. Paul, being beheaded, and buried in the high way of Ostia, is also visited with like honour. At Argenton,* of S. Marcellus, martyr, who, together with Anastasius, a soldier, was beheaded for the faith of Christ. At Genua, the birth-day of S. Syrus, bishop. At Narni, of S. Cassius, bishop of the same city, of whom S. Gregory reports, that scarce any day of his life passed in which he did not offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Altar to Almighty God; and his life agreed well therewith, for, giving all he had to the poor, in the time of his mass he used to be wholly dissolved into tears: at last, upon the birth-day of the apostles, on which every year he was accustomed to come to Rome, having said mass, and given the body of our Lord and his benediction to every one present, he went forthwith unto our Lord. In Cyprus, of S. Mary, mother of John, surnamed Mark. In the territory of Sens,† of S. Benedicta, virgin.

* Castrum Argentomachum. † Senones.

F *The Thirtieth Day.*

THE commemoration of S. Paul the apostle. At Limoges,* in France, of S. Martial, bishop, with two priests, Alpinian and Austriclinian, whose life was very renowned for miracles. The same day, of the Saints Caius, priest, and Leo, subdeacon. At Alexandria, the passion of S. Basilides, under Severus, emperor, who for defending S. Potamiœna, virgin, from the wantons of unchaste persons whilst he led her to execution, deserved to receive from her the reward of that religious deed: for three days after she appearing unto him, and putting a crown upon his head, did not only convert him to Christ, but after a short combat, by her prayers made him a glorious martyr. At Rome, of S. Lucina, disciple of the apostles, who with her goods relieved the necessities of the saints, visited the Christians that were in prison, and buried the martyrs, and was buried in a cave near unto the said martyrs, which herself had made. There also, of S. Æmiliana, martyr. In the territory of Viviers, of S. Ostian, priest and confessor.

* Lemovices.

July.

G *The First Day.*

The octave of Saint John Baptist. In the mountain of Hor, the deposition of S. Aaron, the first priest of the Levitical order. In England, of the holy martyrs Julius and Aaron, who suffered after S. Alban in the persecution of Dioclesian. At which time very many also in that island, suffering divers and most cruel torments, having accomplished their agonies, obtained the joys of heaven. At Mechlin, the passion of S. Rumold, martyr, son to the king of Scotland, and bishop of Dublin. At Sinvessa,* of the holy martyrs Castus and Secundinus, bishops. At Vienna, of S. Martin, bishop, disciple of the apostles. At Auvergne, of S. Gallus, bishop. In the territory of Lyons, the deposition of S. Domitian, abbot, who was the first that there led an eremitical life, and having gathered together many servants of God in that place, renowned for virtues and miracles, in a venerable old age he went to rest in our Lord. In the territory of Rheims, of S. Theodoricus, priest, disciple to S. Remigius, bishop. At Angolesme, of S. Eparchius, abbot. At Emesa, of S. Simeon, confessor, surnamed Salus, who became an idiot for Christ, but God manifested his high wisdom by many great miracles.

* Rocca di Mon-Dragone.

A *The Second Day.*

THE visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, when she went to S. Elizabeth. At Rome, in the way called Aurelia, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Processus and Martinian, who, baptized by S. Peter the apostle in the prison called Mamertin, after they had endured the bruising of their mouths, the torture *Equuleus*, whips of sinews, beating with cudgels, burning with fire, and scorpions, under Nero the emperor, at last beheaded, were crowned with martyrdom. Also at Rome, the passion of three holy soldiers, who being converted to Christ by the martyrdom of S. Paul the apostle, were together with him made partakers of heavenly glory. The same day, of the holy martyrs Ariston, Crescentian, Eutychian, Urban, Vitalis, Justus, Felicissimus, Felix, Marcia, and Symphorosa, who all in the raging persecution of Dioclesian the emperor, were in Campania crowned with martyrdom. At Winchester, in England, of S. Swithin, bishop, renowned for holiness of life and grace of miracles. At Bamberge, of S. Otho, bishop, who preaching the Gospel to the people of Pomerania, converted them to the faith. At Tours,* the deposition of S. Monegundes, a devout religious woman.

* Turones.

B *The Third Day.*

At Alexandria, of the holy martyrs Tryphon, and twelve others. At Constantinople, of the holy martyrs Eulogius, and his companions in martyrdom. At Cæsarea in Cappadocia, of S. Hyacinthus, chamberlain unto Trajan the emperor, who accused for being a Christian, and sorely whipped, was cast into prison, and there, consumed with hunger and famine, gave up the ghost. At Chiusi,* in Tuscany, of the holy martyrs Irenæus, deacon, and Mustiola, a grave matron, who under Aurelian, emperor, enduring sundry and cruel torments, deserved the crown of martyrdom. The same day, of the holy martyrs Mark and Mucian, who for the confession of Christ were beheaded, whom when a little youth with a loud voice admonished not to sacrifice unto idols, he was for that cause commanded to be whipped, but he more earnestly than before confessing Christ, together with one called Paul, who in like manner had encouraged the said martyrs, he was put to death. At Laodicea, in Syria, of S. Anatolius, bishop, whose writings were admired not only of religious persons, but even of philosophers. At Altino,† of S. Heliodore, bishop, famous for his learning and holiness. At Ravenna, of S. Dathus, bishop and confessor. At Edessa, in Mesopotamia, the translation of S. Thomas the apostle out of India, whose relics were afterwards translated to Ortona.

* Clusium. † Altinum.

C *The Fourth Day.*

Of Oseas and Aggæus, prophets. In Africa, the birth-day of S. Jucundian, martyr, drowned in the sea for Christ. In the territory of Bourges,* of S. Laurian, bishop of Seville, and martyr, whose head was afterwards carried to Seville in Spain. At Sirmium, of the holy martyrs Innocent and Sebastia, with thirty others. At Madaura, in Africa, of S. Namphanion, martyr, and his companions, whom he encouraged in their combat, and conducted to the crown of martyrdom. At Cyrene, in Lybia, of S. Theodore, bishop and confessor, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, under Dignian, president, having been sore scourged with leaden whips, and having had his tongue cut out, went at last to rest in our Lord. The same day, the festivity of the Saints Flavian, the second bishop of Antioch, and Elias, bishop of Jerusalem, who for defence of the holy Council of Chalcedon, being sent into banishment by Anastasius, emperor, went conquerors to our Lord. At Ausburge,† in Rhetia, of S. Uldaricus, bishop, renowned for abstinence, liberality, vigilancy, and the grace of working miracles. At Tours, the translation of S. Martin, bishop and confessor, and the dedication there of his church; upon which day also some years before he had been ordained bishop. At Lisbon, of S. Elizabeth, widow, queen of Portugal, whom, famous for virtues and miracles, Urban the Eighth canonized for a saint.

* Bituricæ. † Augusta Vindelicorum.

D *The Fifth Day.*

At Rome, of S. Zoa, martyr, wife to S. Nicostratus, also a martyr, who, praying at S. Peter's body, under Dioclesian, emperor, was apprehended by the persecutors, and cast into a dark prison; afterwards hanged on a tree by her hair and neck, a most loathsome smoke being raised under her, in the confession of our Lord gave up the ghost. In Syria, the birth-day of S. Domitius, martyr, who by his miracles bestows many benefits upon the inhabitants thereabout. At Cyrene, in Lybia, of S. Cyrilla, martyr, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, held a great while hot burning coals with incense in her hand, lest by letting the coals fall she might seem to offer the incense to idols, and afterwards most cruelly slashed with knives, in the purple of her own blood went to her Spouse. At Jerusalem, of S. Athanasius, deacon, who for defence of the holy Council of Chalcedon apprehended by the heretics, after he had suffered all kind of torments, at last died by the sword. In Sicily, of the holy martyrs Agatho and Triphina. At Tomis, in Scythia, of the holy martyrs Marinus, Theodotus, and Sedopha. At Trevers, of S. Numerian, bishop and confessor. At San-Severino,* in Marc-Ancona, of S. Philomena, virgin.

* Septempeda.

E *The Sixth Day.*

THE octave of the holy apostles S. Peter and Paul. In Judæa, of S. Isaias, prophet, who under king Manasses being sawn in two, so died, and was buried under the Oak Rogel, near to the passage of the Waters. At Rome, the birth-day of S. Tranquillin, martyr, father of the Saints Marcus and Marcellian, who by the preaching of S. Sebastian, martyr, being converted to the Christian faith, and baptized by S. Polycarp, priest, was afterward ordained priest by S. Caius, pope; and as he was praying at the tomb of S. Paul, upon the octave-day of the said apostle, under Dioclesian, emperor, being apprehended and stoned to death by the pagans, accomplished his martyrdom. At Fiesoli,* in Tuscany, of S. Romulus, bishop and martyr, disciple to S. Peter the apostle, who being by him sent to preach the Gospel, and having preached it in many parts of Italy, returning to Fiesoli, was, under Domitian, emperor, with divers others, crowned with martyrdom. In Campania, of S. Dominica, virgin and martyr, who under Dioclesian, emperor, for breaking in pieces certain idols, being cast unto the beasts, but not hurt by them, at last beheaded, went unto our Lord: whose body is kept at Tropea in Calabria with great honour and veneration. The same day, of S. Lucy, martyr, born in Cam-

* Fesulæ.

pania, who being apprehended by Rixius, lieutenant, and sorely tormented, at last converted him to Christ: to whom were joined Antoninus, Severin, Diodore, Dion, and seventeen others, who were all made partakers of the same crown of martyrdom. In the territory of Trevers, of S. Goar, priest and confessor.

F *The Seventh Day.*

At Rome, of the holy martyrs Claudius, notary, Nicostratus, Master of Requests, Castorius, Victorin, and Symphorian, who being converted to the faith of Christ by S. Sebastian, and baptized by S. Polycarp, priest, were, for seeking out the bodies of holy martyrs, by Fabian, judge, commanded to be apprehended, and after ten days' trial, both by flatteries and threats, when, as he could by no means move them to forsake their faith, after they had been thrice tortured, they were finally thrown headlong into the sea. At Durazzo,* in Macedonia, of the holy martyrs, Peregrin, Lucian, Pompey, Hesychius, Papius, Saturninus, and German, all Italians by birth, who flying the persecution of Trajan, came to that city, where seeing S. Astius, bishop, hanging upon a cross for the faith of Christ, openly professed themselves to be Christians, for which cause they were apprehended by the command of the president, and drowned in the sea. At Alexandria,

* Dyrrachium.

the birth-day of S. Pantænus, an apostolical man, and adorned with all kind of wisdom; who had such a zeal for the word of God, that with the fervour of faith and devotion he went and preached the Gospel to those nations which lay unknown in the furthermost parts of the east, and at last returning to Alexandria, under Antoninus Caracalla, rested in peace. At Brescia, of S. Apollonius, bishop and confessor. In Saxony, of S. Willibald, the first bishop of Eystet, who, labouring in preaching the Gospel with S. Boniface, converted many nations to the faith of Christ. At Auvergne, of S. Illidius, bishop. At Urgella, in Tarraconia, in Spain, of S. Odo, bishop. In England, of S. Hedda, bishop of the West-Saxons. There also, of S. Edelburga, virgin, daughter to a king of the English. The birth-day of S. Pulcheria, virgin.

G *The Eighth Day.*

In the Lesser Asia, of the Saints Aquila, and Priscilla, his wife, of whom mention is made in the Acts of the Apostles. At Porto,* of fifty holy soldiers, who being converted to the faith of Christ by the martyrdom of S. Bonosa, and baptized by S. Felix, pope, were put to death in the persecution of Aurelian. In Palestine, of S. Procopius, martyr, who under Dioclesian, emperor, being brought from Scythopolis to Cæsarea, was,

* Portus Romanus.

upon his first resolute answer, by Fabian the judge beheaded. At Constantinople, the passion of the holy monks called Abrahamites, who for opposing themselves against Theophilus, emperor, for the worship of holy images, were crowned with martyrdom. At Wirtzburge,* in Germany, of S. Kilian, bishop, who being sent thither by the bishop of Rome to preach the Gospel, and having brought many to the faith of Christ, was there, together with his companions Colman, priest, and Totnan, deacon, killed. At Trevers, of S. Auspicius, bishop and confessor.

A *The Ninth Day.*

At Rome, near the place called The Continually-flowing Waters, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Zeno, and ten thousand two hundred and three others. At Gortina, in Candia,† of S. Cyril, bishop, who in the persecution of Decius, under Lucius, president, being cast into the fire, and the bands wherewith he was bound burnt, but himself nothing hurt, so moved the judge by that strange miracle, that he then dismissed him: but afterwards, for zealously and confidently again preaching the faith of Christ, was by the same judge beheaded. At Thora, by the lake Velino, the passion of S. Anatolia and Audax; of whom Anatolia, a virgin of Christ, after she had cured many in the province of Marc-Ancona that were sick of

* Herbipolis. † Creta.

divers infirmities, and brought them to the faith of Christ, by the command of Faustinian, judge, being put to divers torments, and delivered from a serpent that was set upon her, at last, stretching out her hands in prayer, was thrust through with a sword; but Audax, that was converted by seeing her delivered from the aforesaid serpent, being taken and committed to prison, was forthwith sentenced to die, and so crowned a martyr. At Alexandria, of the holy martyrs Patermuthius, Copres, and Alexander, who were slain under Julian the apostate. At Martula, of S. Brictius, bishop and confessor, who having suffered much for the confession of our Lord under Marcian, judge, and converted a great multitude of people to Christ, rested in peace. At Citta di Castello, the birth-day of S. Veronica Giuliani, virgin, a Capuchin nun.

B *The Tenth Day.*

At Rome, the passion of seven holy brothers, sons to S. Felicitas, martyr, to wit, Januarius, Felix, Philip, Sylvan, Alexander, Vitalis, and Martial, in the time of Antoninus, emperor, under Publius, governor of the city; of whom Januarius, after he had been scourged with rods, and pined in prison, was killed with leaden whips: Felix and Philip were beaten to death with cudgels; Sylvan was thrown down headlong from a steep place; Alexander, Vitalis, and Martial were

beheaded. Also at Rome, of the holy virgins and martyrs Ruffina and Secunda, sisters, who in the persecution of Valerian and Gallienus, after many torments endured, at last the one having her brains struck out, the other beheaded, departed to heaven: whose bodies are kept with due honour and reverence in the church of S. John Lateran, near to the font. In Africa, of the holy martyrs Januarius, Marinus, Nabor, and Felix, who were all beheaded. At Nicopolis, in Armenia, of the holy martyrs Leontius, Maurice, Daniel, and their companions, who under Licinius, emperor, and Lisias, president, having endured divers torments, finally cast into the fire, accomplished their martyrdom. In Pisidia, of the holy martyrs Bianor and Silvan, who having endured most cruel torments for the name of Christ, were lastly beheaded. At Iconium, of S. Apollonius, martyr, who by the death of the cross obtained a renowned martyrdom. At Gaunt, of S. Amelberga, virgin.

C *The Eleventh Day.*

At Rome, of S. Pius, pope and martyr, who in the persecution of Marcus Aurelius Antoninus, was crowned with martyrdom. At Nicopolis, in Armenia, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Januarius and Pelagia, who being four days together racked upon the torture *Equuleus*, and tormented with claws of iron and sharp potsherds, accomplished their martyrdom. In the territory of

Sens,* of S. Sidronius, martyr. At Iconium, of S. Marcian, martyr, who under Perennius, president, by many torments obtained the palm of martyrdom. At Sida, in Pamphilia, of S. Cindeus, priest, who under Dioclesian, emperor, and Stratonicus, president, after many torments, being cast into the fire, and nothing hurt, at last gave up his soul to God in prayer. At Brescia, of the holy martyrs Savin and Cyprian. At Bergamo,† of S. John, bishop, who was killed by the Arians for defending the Catholic faith. At Cordova, of S. Abundius, priest, who for inveighing against the sect of Mahomet, was crowned with martyrdom. In the territory of Poitiers,‡ of S. Sabin, confessor.

D *The Twelfth Day.*

At Milan, of the holy martyrs Nabor and Felix, who suffered in the persecution of Maximian. In the monastery of Passiniano, near Florence, of S. John Gualbert, abbot, founder of the order of Vallis-Umbrosa. In Cyprus, of S. Jason, an ancient disciple of Christ. At Aquileia, the birth-day of S. Hermagoras, disciple to S. Mark the evangelist, and the first bishop of that city, who amidst his miraculous cures, and diligent preaching, and conversion of people to the faith of Christ, having endured divers kind of torments, at last, together with his deacon Fortunatus, by the loss of his life

* Senones. † Bergomum. ‡ Pictavium.

deserved a perpetual crown. At Luca, in Tuscany, of S. Paulinus, who being ordained the first bishop of that city by S. Peter, after many combats under Nero the emperor, at the foot of the hill Pisa, accomplished his martyrdom, with others his companions. The same day, the passion of S. Proclus and Hilarion, who under Trajan the emperor, and Maximus, president, by most bitter torments attained the palm of martyrdom. At Lentini,* of S. Epiphania, who under Dioclesian the emperor, and Tertillus, president, having her breasts cut off, gave up her soul to God. At Toledo,† of S. Marciana, virgin and martyr, who for the faith of Christ being cast unto the beasts, and torn in pieces by a bull, was crowned with martyrdom. At Lyons, of S. Viventiolus, bishop. At Bolonia, of S. Paternian, bishop.

E *The Thirteenth Day.*

At Rome, of S. Anacletus, pope and martyr, who after S. Clement governed the Church of God, and adorned the same by a glorious martyrdom. The same day, of the Saints Joel and Esdras, prophets. In Macedonia, of S. Silas, one of the first Christians, who being sent by the apostles with S. Paul and Barnaby to the churches of the Gentiles, full of the Holy Ghost, having diligently performed his office of preaching, and endured many afflictions for the glory of Christ,

* Leontini. † Toletum.

rested at last in peace. Also of S. Serapion, martyr, who under Severus, emperor, and Aquila, president, by fire obtained the crown of martyrdom. In the island of Chio, of S. Myrops, martyr, who under Decius, emperor, and Numerian, president, beaten to death with bars, went unto our Lord. In Africa, of the holy confessor Eugenius, bishop of Carthage, renowned for his faith and other virtues, and of all the clergy of that Church, who to the number of about five hundred or more, [amongst which were many little children who served as lectors] in the persecution of the Vandals, under Hunnericus, the Arian king, after blows and famine, rejoicing in our Lord, were sent into a far and cruel banishment. Amongst whom also were the most noble Salutaris, archdeacon, and Murittas, the second amongst the officers of the Church, who being now the third time confessors, made themselves illustrious by their glorious perseverance in the faith of Christ. In Little Brittany, of S. Turian, bishop and confessor, a man of great simplicity and innocency of life.

F *The Fourteenth Day.*

At Lyons, the deposition of S. Bonaventure, cardinal, bishop of Alba, confessor, and doctor of the church, of the order of the Minorites, much renowned for his learning, and holiness of life. At Bamberge, of S. Henry, emperor, the first of

that name, who with his wife Chunegundes kept perpetual virginity, and persuaded S. Stephen, king of Hungary, with almost all his realm, to receive the faith of Christ. At Rome, of S. Justus, a soldier under Claudius the tribune, who by the miraculous appearing of a cross being converted to the Christian faith, and forthwith baptized, bestowed all his goods upon the poor; and afterwards apprehended by Magnetius, governor, and beaten with sinews, tormented also with a hot burning helmet put upon his head, and cast into the fire, (but not the least hair of his head touched with the flame) in the confession of our Lord gave up the ghost. At Synope, in Pontus, of S. Phocas, martyr, bishop of the same city, who under Trajan the emperor, having overcome imprisonment, fetters, iron, and fire for Christ, went to heaven: whose holy relics were translated to Vienne, in France, and there placed in the church of the holy apostles. At Alexandria, of S. Heraclas, bishop, whose fame was so renowned, that African the historian writes of himself, how he went on purpose to Alexandria to see him. At Carthage, of S. Cyrus, bishop, upon whose feast S. Augustin made a sermon to the people. At Como,* of S. Felix, the first bishop of that city. At Brescia, of S. Optatian, bishop. At Daventry, in Gelderland, of S. Marcellin, priest and confessor.

* Novocomum.

G *The Fifteenth Day.*

At Porto,* the birth-day of the holy martyrs Eutropius, Zosima and Bonosa, sisters. At Carthage, of S. Catulin, deacon, (in whose praise S. Augustin made a sermon to the people) and of the Saints Januarius, Florentius, Julia, and Justa, martyrs, who were buried in the church of S. Faustus. At Alexandria, of the holy martyrs Philip, Zeno, Narsæus, and ten children. In the isle of Tenedos, of S. Abudemius, martyr, who suffered under Dioclesian. At Sebaste, of S. Antiochus, a physician, who was beheaded under Adrian, president; and when instead of blood there issued milk from his neck, Cyriacus the executioner being converted by that miracle, became also a martyr. At Pavia, of S. Felix, bishop and martyr. At Nisibis, the birth-day of S. James, bishop of that city, a man of great sanctity; who, famous for learning and miracles, was one of those confessors in the persecution of Galerius Maximian, who in the Nicene Council condemned the perverse opinion of Arius, by opposing against it the word *Homousion;* by whose prayers, and by the prayers of Alexander, bishop, Arius himself, by voiding out his bowels at Constantinople, received the worthy reward of his iniquity. At Naples, in Campania, of S. Athanasius, bishop of that city, who having suffered much, and been driven out of his episcopal seat by his

* Portus Romanus.

wicked nephew Sergius, spent with miseries, died at Verulo, in the days of Carolus Calvus. At Palermo, the invention of the body of S. Rosalia, virgin, of the said city, which being found by divine revelation in the time of pope Urban the Eighth, in the jubilee year freed Sicily from the plague.

A *The Sixteenth Day.*

The birth-day of S. Faustus, martyr, who under Decius, emperor, being crucified on a cross, lived five days hanging thereon, and at last shot with arrows, went to heaven. At Sebaste, in Armenia, of the holy martyrs Athenogenes, bishop, and ten of his disciples, under Dioclesian the emperor. At Antioch, in Syria, the birth-day of S. Eustathius, bishop and confessor, renowned for his learning and holiness, who under Constantius, the Arian emperor, for defence of the Catholic faith banished to Trajanople, in Thracia, there rested in our Lord. The same day, of S. Hilarin, monk, who, together with S. Donatus, being apprehended in the persecution of Julian, and refusing to sacrifice unto idols, sore beaten with cudgels, was finally at Arezzo,* in Tuscany, made a martyr: whose body was afterwards translated to Ostia. At Trevers, of S. Valentine, bishop and martyr. At Cordova, in Spain, of S. Sisenand, deacon and martyr, who for the faith of Christ was strangled

* Aretium.

by the Saracens. At Saints,* in France, of the holy martyrs Raineldes, virgin, and her companions, who were slain for the faith of Christ by the barbarous people. At Bergamo, of S. Domnion, martyr. At Capua, of S. Vitalian, bishop and confessor.

B *The Seventeenth Day.*

At Rome, of S. Alexius, confessor, son to Euphemian, a senator, who the first night of his marriage, leaving his spouse untouched, forsook his house, and after a long peregrination returning to the city, was harboured for seventeen years together as a poor beggar in a corner of his father's house, unknown, deluding the world by a new device: but after his death, by a voice heard in the churches of the city, and also by a writing of his own being known, was, Innocent the First being pope, with great honour carried to the church of S. Boniface, where he wrought many miracles. At Carthage, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Scillitains Speratus, Narzalis, Cythin, Veturius, Felix, Acyllinus, Letantius, Januaria, Generosa, Vestina, Donata, and Secunda, who by the command of Saturninus, governor, after their first confession of the faith being cast into prison, and nailed unto pieces of wood, were afterwards beheaded. But the relics of S. Speratus, together with the bones of S. Cyprian, and the head of S.

* Santis.

Pantaleon, martyr, were afterwards translated out of Africa into France, and honourably placed in the church of S. John Baptist at Lyons. At Amastris, in Paphlagonia, of S. Hyacinthus, martyr, who having suffered much under Castritius, president, died in prison. At Tivoli,* of S. Generosus, martyr. At Constantinople, of S. Theodota, martyr, under Leo the Iconoclast.† At Rome, the deposition of S. Leo, pope, the fourth of that name. At Pavia, of S. Ennodius, bishop and confessor. At Auxerre,‡ of S. Theodosius, bishop. At Milan, of S. Marcellina, virgin, sister to S. Ambrose, bishop, who at Rome in the church of S. Peter, received the holy veil from the hands of pope Liberius: whose sanctity the same S. Ambrose in his writings has witnessed. At Venice, the translation of S. Marina, virgin.

C *The Eighteenth Day.*

At Tivoli,§ of S. Symphorosa, wife to S. Getulius, martyr, with her seven sons, Crescens, Julian, Nemesius, Primitivus, Justin, Stacteus, and Eugenius; whose mother, under Adrian, emperor, for her invincible constancy, was first for a long time buffeted, and then hanged up by the hair; at last, having a stone tied to her neck, was thrown into a river: but her sons, tied to stakes and stretched out with pulleys, by divers kinds of death accomplished their martyrdom. Their bodies, after-

* Tibur. † Image-breaker. ‡ Antisiodorum. § Tibur.

wards translated to Rome, were, in the days of pope Pius the Fourth, found in the sacristy of the church of S. Angelus, in the Piscina. At Carthage, of S. Gundenes, virgin, who by the command of Ruffinus, proconsul, being for the confession of Christ four several times racked, and cruelly torn with claws of iron, and kept a long time in a filthy prison, was at last beheaded. At Dorostorum, in Mysia, of S. Æmilian, martyr, who in the time of Julian the apostate, under Capitolinus, president, being cast into a burning furnace, received the palm of martyrdom. At Maestricht,* of S. Frederick, bishop and martyr. In Galicia of Spain, of S. Marina, virgin and martyr. At Milan, of S. Maternus, bishop, who under Maximian, emperor, for the faith of Christ, and defence of the Church committed to his charge, being cast into prison, and often whipped, at length, renowned for the many confessions of his faith, went to rest in our Lord. At Brescia, the birth-day of S. Philastrius, bishop of the same city, who by word and writing greatly opposing the heretics, especially the Arians, by whom he was much persecuted, at last, famous for miracles, died a confessor. At Metz,† in France, of S. Arnulph, bishop, who, renowned for holiness and miracles, embracing an eremitical life, made a blessed end. At Segni,‡ of S. Bruno, bishop and confessor.

* Trajectum. † Metæ. ‡ Signia.

D *The Nineteenth Day.*

The birth-day of S. Epaphras, whom S. Paul the apostle calls his fellow-prisoner, who by the same apostle being ordained bishop of Colossi, renowned for his virtues, stoutly defending the flock committed to his charge, he there received the triumphant palm of martyrdom. His body lies at Rome, in the church of S. Mary Major. At Seville, in Spain, the passion of the holy virgins Justa and Ruffina, who being apprehended by Diogenian, and first stretched upon the rack, and torn with iron claws, afterwards afflicted with imprisonment, hunger, and divers other miseries, at length Justa died in prison; but Ruffina, for the confession of our Lord, had her neck broken. At Cordova, of S. Aurea, virgin, who repenting her for having once fallen from the faith, entered the combat the second time, and overcame the enemy by the shedding of her blood. At Trevers, of S. Martin, bishop and martyr. At Rome, of S. Symmachus, pope, who, afflicted a long time with the faction of schismatics, at last, renowned for sanctity, went unto our Lord. At Verona, of S. Felix, bishop. At Mount Scetis, in Egypt, of S. Arsenius, deacon of the Roman Church, who in the time of Theodosius retiring himself into a wilderness, endowed with the perfection of all virtues, and grace of tears, gave up his soul to God. In Cappadocia, of S. Macrina, virgin, sister to S. Basil the Great, and S. Gregory Nyssen.

E *The Twentieth Day.*

At Antioch, the passion of S. Margaret, virgin and martyr. In mount Carmel, of S. Elias, prophet. The same day, the birth-day of S. Joseph, surnamed the Just, whom the apostles appointed to stand in election with Matthias, to supply the place and apostleship of Judas the traitor: but when the lot fell upon Matthias, he notwithstanding, by preaching and teaching, persisted in the service of our Lord; and having suffered great persecution of the Jews for the faith of Christ, made a victorious end in Jewry: of whom it is recorded, that having drunk poison, through his faith in our Lord he received no hurt. At Damasco, of the holy martyrs Sabin, Julian, Maximus, Macrobius, Cassia, and Paula, with ten others. At Cordova, of S. Paul, deacon and martyr, who, reprehending infidel princes for their Mahometical impiety and cruelty, and preaching Christ very constantly, was slain by their command, and so ascended to heaven for his reward. In Portugal, of S. Wilgefort, virgin and martyr, who combating for the Christian faith, and conservation of her chastity, deserved a most glorious triumph by the death of the cross. In the territory of Bullen, in France, of S. Wulmarus, abbot, a man of wonderful holiness. At Trevers, of S. Severa, virgin.

F *The One-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Rome, of S. Praxedes, virgin, who being brought up in all chastity, and knowledge of the law of God, giving herself wholly to prayer, watching, and fasting, went to rest in our Lord, and was buried near unto her sister Pudentiana, in the way called Salaria. At Babylon, of S. Daniel, prophet. At Marseille,* the birth-day of S. Victor, who being a soldier, and refusing either to follow the wars, or to sacrifice unto idols, first cast into prison, and there comforted by an angel, then diversly tormented, at last, ground to pieces in a mill, accomplished his martyrdom. There suffered with him three other soldiers, Alexander, Felician, and Longinus. At Troys,† of S. Julia, virgin and martyr. There also, the passion of the Saints Claudius, Justus, Jucundinus, and five more, their companions, under Aurelian, emperor. At Comana, in Armenia, of S. Zoticus, bishop and martyr, who was crowned under Severus. At Strasburge,‡ of S. Arbogastus, bishop, renowned for miracles. In Syria, of S. John, monk, companion to S. Simeon.

D *The Two-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Marseille,§ the birth-day of S. Mary Magdalen, out of whom our Lord cast seven devils, and who deserved first to see our Saviour after he

* Massilia. † Trecæ. ‡ Argentoratum. § Massilia.

was risen from death. At Philippi, of S. Syntyches, of whom S. Paul the apostle makes mention. At Ancyra, in Galatia, the birth-day of S. Plato, martyr, who under Agrippinus, lieutenant, being whipped, torn with iron claws, and otherwise most cruelly tormented, at last beheaded, rendered up his unvanquished soul to God: whose miracles in helping of captives, the acts of the second Council of Nice do testify. In Cyprus, of S. Theophilus, pretor, who, apprehended by the Arabians, when neither by gifts nor threats he could be induced to deny Christ, was beheaded. At Antioch, of S. Cyril, bishop, renowned for his learning and holiness. In the territory of Auvergne,* of S. Meneleus, abbot. In the monastery called Blandine, of S. Wandregesilius, abbot, famous for miracles. At Scythople, in Palestine, of S. Joseph, earl.

A *The Three-and-Twentieth Day.*

THE birth-day of S. Apollinaris, who being ordained at Rome by S. Peter the apostle, and sent to Ravenna, suffered there manifold and divers torments for the faith of Christ: afterwards going into Æmilia, and there preaching the Gospel, he drew many from the worship of idols: at length returning to Ravenna, under Vespasian, emperor, he there accomplished a glorious martyrdom. At Rome, of S. Rasyphus, martyr. There also, the passion of S. Primitiva, virgin and mar-

* Aruernum.

tyr. Also of the holy martyrs Apollonius and Eugenius. The same day, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Trophimus and Theophilus, who under Dioclesian the emperor, being first beaten with stones, then scorched with fire, at last beheaded, were crowned with martyrdom. In Bulgaria, of very many holy martyrs, whom Nicephorus the impious emperor, spoiling the churches of God, caused to be killed by divers kinds of death, by the sword, by halters, arrows, long imprisonment, and famine. At Mans,* in France, of S. Liborius, bishop and confessor. At Rome, of the holy virgins Romula, Redempta, and Herundines, of whom S. Gregory, pope, makes mention.

B *The Four-and-Twentieth Day.*

The vigil of S. James the apostle. At Tyro, in Tuscany, by the lake Vulsino, of S. Christina, virgin and martyr, who, believing in Christ, and breaking in pieces the gold and silver idols of her father, and giving them to the poor, was by his command first cruelly whipped, and other ways most grievously tormented; then being tied to a weighty stone, and cast into a lake, but delivered by an angel, was after all this, under another judge, successor to her father, yet more cruelly tormented, but she bore all courageously; and lastly, by Julian, president, after she had been shut up five days in a burning furnace without

* Cenomani.

any hurt, and by the power of Christ overcome serpents, having her tongue cut out, shot full of arrows, she ended the course of her martyrdom. At Rome, in the way called Tiburtina, of S. Vincent, martyr. At Amiterno, in Abbruzzo,* the passion of fourscore and three holy soldiers, martyrs. At Merida,† in Spain, of S. Victor, soldier, who with his two brothers Stercatius and Antinogenes, in the persecution of Dioclesian, by divers kind of torments accomplished his martyrdom. In Lycia, of the holy martyrs Niceta and Aquilina, who being converted to Christ by the preaching of S. Christopher, martyr, obtained the palm of martyrdom by loss of their heads. Also of the holy martyrs Meneus and Capito. At Sens,‡ of S. Ursicin, bishop and confessor.

C *The Five-and-Twentieth Day.*

Of S. James the Apostle, brother to S. John the evangelist, who about the feast of Easter was beheaded by Herod Agrippa. His holy relics were upon this day translated from Jerusalem to Galicia in Spain, and there are had in great veneration of that nation, and much frequented by the great concourse of people from all parts, who for devotion, and to fulfil their vows, go thither on pilgrimage. In Lycia, of S. Christopher, martyr, who under Decius being sorely bruised with rods of iron, and cast into the burning fire, but pre-

* In Vestinis. † Emerita. ‡ Senonæ.

served by the power of Christ, at last, shot full of arrows, accomplished his martyrdom by being beheaded. At Barcelona,* in Spain, the birthday of S. Cucuphas, martyr, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, under Dacian, president, having overcome many torments, by the loss of his head went triumphantly to heaven. In Palestine, of S. Paul, martyr, who in the persecution of Maximian Galerius, under Firmilian, president, being condemned to death, and obtaining a short space to pray, first made intercession with all his heart for his own countrymen; then for the Jews and Gentiles, that they might come to the knowledge of the truth; after for the whole multitude there present; lastly for the judge that condemned him, and the hangman that was to execute the sentence; and then beheaded, received the crown of martyrdom. There also, of S. Valentina, virgin, who, carried to an altar to sacrifice unto the idols, and overthrowing it with her foot, cruelly tormented, together with another virgin, her companion, cast into the fire, went joyfully unto her spouse. At Forcono,† in Abbruzzo, of the holy martyrs Florentius and Felix, citizens of Siponto. At Cordova, of S. Theodemire, monk and martyr. At Trevers, of S. Magnericus, bishop and confessor.

*Barcinone. †Furconium in Vestinis.

D *The Six-and-Twentieth Day.*

THE departure out of this life of S. Anne, mother of the B. Virgin Mary, mother of God. At Philippi, in Macedonia, the birth-day of S. Erastus, who being left bishop there by S. Paul the apostle, was there crowned with martyrdom. At Rome, in the way Latina, of the holy martyrs Simphronius, Olympius, Theodulus, and Exuperia; who, as it is recorded in the acts of S. Stephen, pope, obtained the palm of martyrdom by fire. At Porto,* of S. Hyacinthus, martyr, who being first cast into the fire, and then thrown headlong into a river, but escaping without any hurt, was afterward by Leontius, who had been consul under Trajan the emperor, beheaded; whose body Julia, a noble matron, buried in her manor, near to the city. Also at Rome, of S. Pastor, priest, whose name serves for a title to a cardinal at the church of S. Pudentiana, upon the hill Viminalis. At Verona, of S. Valens, bishop and confessor. In the monastery of S. Benet, near Mantua, of S. Simeon, monk and hermit, who, renowned for many miracles, in a good old age rested in our Lord.

E *The Seven-and-Twentieth Day.*

AT Nicomedia, the passion of S. Pantaleon, physician, who being apprehended by Maximian, emperor, for the faith of Christ, and racked upon

* Portus Romanus.

the torture *Equuleus,* and tormented with burning lamps, in the midst whereof he was comforted by our Lord appearing unto him, at last by the sword accomplished his martyrdom. In the same place, of S. Hermolaus, priest, by whose doctrine S. Pantaleon was converted to the faith. Also of the Saints Hermippus and Hermocrates, brothers, who after many torments were by the same Maximian killed for the confession of Christ. At Nola, of the holy martyrs Felix, Julia, and Jucunda. At Bisegli,* in Apulia, of the holy martyrs Maurus, bishop, Pantaleemon and Sergius, who suffered under Trajan. In the country of the Homerits, the commemoration of the holy martyrs, who were burnt under Dunaan the tyrant for the faith of Christ. At Cordova, in Spain, of the holy martyrs George, deacon, Felix, Aurelius, Natalia, and Liliosa, in the persecution of the Arabians. At Ephesus, the birth-day of the seven holy sleepers, Maximian, Malchus, Martinian, Denys, John, Serapion, and Constantine. At Auxerre,† the deposition of S. Ætherius, bishop and confessor. At Constantinople, of S. Anthusa, virgin, who under Constantine Copronymus, for the worship of holy images whipped and sent into banishment, rested in our Lord.

F *The Eight-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Rome, the passion of S. Victor, pope and martyr. There also, of S. Innocent, pope and

* Vigiliæ. † Antisiodorum.

confessor. At Milan, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Nazarius, and Celsus, a boy, who in the fury of the persecution under Nero, after long pining and affliction in prison, were by Anolinus beheaded. At Thebais, in Egypt, the commemoration of many holy martyrs, who suffered in the persecution of Decius and Valerian. At which time, the Christians desiring to die by the sword for the name of Christ, the crafty enemy of mankind devised certain slow torments to put them to death, whereby he meant rather to kill their souls than their bodies. Of which number one, after that he had overcome the torture *Equuleus*, hot fiery plates, and frying pans anointed over with honey, and his hands bound behind him, was placed in the hot scorching sun to be stung of wasps and flies: another, gently bound and laid among flowers, being by an impudent harlot provoked to lust, biting off his tongue, did spit it in her face. At Ancyra, in Galatia, of S. Eustachius, martyr, who after divers kind of torments being thrown into a river, but delivered by an angel, was at last, by a dove descending from heaven, invited to life everlasting. At Melasso,* of S. Acatius, martyr, who under Licinius, emperor, after divers torments being thrown into a burning furnace, but by the help of God preserved from hurt, accomplished his martyrdom by loss of his head. In Little Brittany, of S. Sampson, bishop and confessor. At Lyons, of S. Peregrin, priest, whose happiness is attested by glorious miracles.

* Miletus.

G *The Nine-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Tarascon,* in Provence of France, of S. Martha, virgin, harbourer of our Saviour, and sister to Blessed Mary Magdalen, and Lazarus. At Rome, in the way called Aurelia, of S. Felix the Second, pope and martyr, who for defending the Catholic faith, being cast out of his see by Constantius, the Arian emperor, and slain privately at Cera in Tuscany, made a glorious end. His body being taken thence by the clergy, and buried in the same way, was after translated to the church of S. Cosmas and Damian: and in the time of pope Gregory the Thirteenth the same was found there under the altar, together with the relics of the holy martyrs Marcus, Marcellian, and Tranquillinus, and with them decently laid again in the same place, the one-and-thirtieth day of July. Under which altar were also found the bodies of the holy martyrs Abundius, priest, and Abundantius, deacon, which not long after were solemnly translated to the church of the Society of Jesus, upon the eve of their feast. Also at Rome, in the way Portuensis, of the holy martyrs Simplicius, Faustinus, and Beatrix, under Dioclesian, emperor, of whom the two former, after many and different torments, were beheaded. But Beatrix their sister, for the confession of Christ, was strangled in prison. Moreover at Rome, of the holy martyrs Lucilla and Flora, vir-

* Tarascum.

gins, Eugenius, Antoninus, Theodore, and eighteen others, their companions, who suffered a glorious martyrdom under Gallienus, emperor. At Gangra, in Paphlagonia, of S. Calinicus, martyr, who, whipped with rods of iron, and divers other ways tormented, at last cast into a burning furnace, gave up his soul to God. In Norway, of S. Olaus, king and martyr. At Troys,* in France, of S. Lupus, bishop and confessor, who went into England with S. German to expel the Pelagian heresy thence; and by his continual prayers defended the city of Troys from the fury of Attalus, that spoiled all France; and finally, having venerably executed the function of priesthood for fifty-two years, rested in our Lord. At S. Brieu,† of S. William, bishop and confessor. Also the deposition of S. Prosper, bishop of Orleans. At Todi,‡ of S. Faustin, confessor. At Mamia, of S. Seraphina.

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A *The Thirtieth Day.*

At Rome, of the holy martyrs Abdon and Sennen, Persians, who under Decius, emperor, being brought to Rome bound in chains, were for the faith of Christ first whipped with leaden whips, and afterward beheaded. At Turburbum Lucernarium, in Africa, of the holy virgins and martyrs Maxima, Donatilla, and Secunda, of whom the two first, in the persecution of Valerian and Gallienus, being constrained to drink vinegar and

* Trecæ. † Briocum. ‡ Tudertum.

gall, then cruelly beaten, and racked upon the torture *Equuleus;* broiled also upon a gridiron, and rubbed with hot lime, were afterwards, together with Secunda, a girl of twelve years old, cast unto the beasts, who refusing to touch them, they were finally beheaded. At Assisi,* in Umbria, of S. Rufinus, martyr. At Cæsarea in Cappadocia, of S. Julitta, martyr, who claiming in justice the restitution of her goods, which were unjustly detained from her by a certain nobleman, and he excepting against her that she was a Christian, and therefore not to be heard, was commanded by the judge to offer incense to the idols, that so her cause might be heard; which she constantly refusing to do, being cast into the fire, gave up her soul to God; but her body was nothing at all hurt thereby. Her renowned praises are celebrated by S. Basil the Great with most high commendation. At Auxerre,† of S. Ursus, bishop and confessor.

B *The One-and-Thirtieth Day.*

At Rome, the birth-day of S. Ignatius, confessor, founder of the Society of Jesus, renowned for sanctity and miracles, and most zealous in propagating all over the world the Catholic religion. At Cæsarea, the passion of S. Fabius, martyr, who refusing to carry the ensign of his garrison, was for some few days cast into prison, and after once

* Assisium. † Antisiodorum.

or twice examined, still persisting in the confession of Christ, was by the judge condemned to die. At Milan, of S. Calimerius, bishop and martyr, who apprehended in the persecution of Antoninus, after many wounds, and a sword run through his neck, cast headlong into a well, finished the course of his martyrdom. At Synnada, in Phrygia Pacatiana, of the holy martyrs Democritus, Secundus, and Denys. In Syria, of three hundred and fifty holy monks, martyrs, who for defending the Council of Chalcedon, were slain by the heretics. At Ravenna, the departure out of this world of S. German, bishop of Auxerre, greatly renowned for his parentage, faith, learning, and glorious miracles, who absolutely freed England* from the heresies of the Pelagians. At Tagasta, in Africa, of S. Firmus, bishop, renowned for the glorious confession of his faith. At Sienna, in Tuscany, the birth-day of S. John Columbini, founder of the order called Jesuati, renowned for holiness of life and miracles.

August.

The First Day.

At Rome, in the mount Esquiline, the dedication of the Church of S. Peter ad Vincula. At Antioch, the passion of the seven holy brethren Machabees, with their mother, who suffered under king Anti-

* Britannia.

ochus, surnamed Epiphanes. Their relics being translated to Rome, are kept with great reverence in the aforesaid church of S. Peter ad Vincula. At Rome, the passion of the holy virgins Faith, Hope, and Charity, who under Adrian, emperor, obtained the crown of martyrdom. Also at Rome, in the way Latina, of the holy martyrs Bonus, priest, Faustus, and Maurus, with nine others, recorded in the acts of S. Stephen, pope. At Philadelphia, in Arabia, of the holy martyrs Cyril, Aquila, Peter, Domitian, Rufus, and Menander, all crowned upon one day. At Pergen, in Pamphylia, of the holy martyrs Leontius, Attius, Alexander, and of six husbandmen, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, under Flavian, president, were beheaded. At Girona,* in Spain, the birthday of S. Felix, martyr, who after divers torments, by the command of Dacian, president, was so long cut with knives, until he gave up his undaunted soul to God. At Vercelli,† of S. Eusebius, bishop and martyr, who for the confession of the Catholic faith, being banished first into Scythople, and thence into Cappadocia, by Constantius, emperor, and afterwards being returned home to his own church, was by the Arians that persecuted him put to death. In the territory of Paris, of S. Justin, martyr. At Vienna, of S. Verus, bishop. At Winchester, in England, of S. Ethelwold, bishop. In the territory of Liswin, of S. Nemesius, confessor. At St. Agatha di Goti, the birthday of S. Alfonsus Maria Liguori, bishop and con-

* Gerunda. †Vercellæ.

fessor, and founder of the Congregation of our Blessed Redeemer. He was renowned for his preaching and writings.

D *The Second Day.*

At Rome, in the church-yard of Callistus, the birth-day of S. Stephen, pope and martyr, who in the persecution of Valerian, being at the altar, and the soldiers rushing in upon him, with an undaunted courage making an end of his mass, was beheaded in his own seat. At Nice, in Bithynia, the passion of S. Theodota, with her three sons, of whom the eldest, called Evodius, confessing with great courage the name of Christ, by the command of Nicetius, who had been consul of Bithynia, being sore beaten with cudgels, was finally, together with his mother and his other brothers, consumed by fire. In Africa, of S. Rutilius, martyr, who, flying from place to place to avoid the persecution, and sometimes also redeeming his present danger with money, being unexpectedly apprehended, and presented before the president, was put to many torments, and lastly, cast into the fire, was crowned with a glorious martyrdom. At Padua,* of S. Maximus, bishop of the same city, who, renowned for miracles, ended his blessed days.

* Patavium.

E *The Third Day.*

At Jerusalem, tne invention of the body of most happy S. Stephen the protomartyr, and of the Saints Gamaliel, Nicodemus, and Abibo, revealed by God to a priest called Lucian, in the days of Honorius the emperor. At Constantinople, the birth-day of S. Hermellus, martyr. In India, near to the Persians, the passion of the holy monks, and other Christians, who by the command of king Abenner, persecuting the Church of God, after they had been afflicted with divers torments, were killed. At Naples, in Campania, of S. Aspren, bishop, who being cured of a sickness by S. Peter the apostle, and afterwards baptized, was ordained bishop of the same city. At Austum,* the deposition of S. Euphronius, bishop and confessor. At Anagnia, of S. Peter, bishop, who, first renowned for monastical discipline, and afterwards for his pastoral vigilancy, went to rest in our Lord. At Philippi, in Macedonia, of S. Lydia, a seller of purple, who, by the preaching of S. Paul the apostle, first of all in that city believed in Christ. At Berœa, in Syria, of the holy women Marana and Cyra.

F *The Fourth Day.*

At Bologna, of Dominick, confessor, founder of the order of Friars Preachers, renowned for sanc-

* Augustodunum.

tity and learning, who kept his virginity undefiled to the end of his life, and by his singular merits raised three dead men to life. And when he had by his preaching repressed heresies, and instructed many in religious and godly life, the sixth day of this month he went to rest in peace: but his feast is kept on this day, by the ordination of pope Paul the Fourth. At Thessalonica, the birth-day of S. Aristarchus, disciple, and inseparable companion to S. Paul the apostle, of whom in his epistle to the Colossians he writes thus: "Aristarchus, my fellow-prisoner, salutes you." Being ordained bishop of the Thessalonians by the same apostle, after he had suffered much under Nero, crowned by Christ, he rested in peace. At Rome, in the way called Latina, the passion of Saint Tertullin, priest and martyr, who under Valerian, emperor, after he had been most cruelly bruised with cudgels, after the burning of his sides with fire, after buffeting upon the face, racking upon the torture *Equuleus*, and the cutting of his sinews, accomplished his martyrdom, sentenced to die by the loss of his head. At Constantinople, of S. Eleutherius, a senator, martyr, who for Christ died by the sword, in the persecution of Maximian. In Persia, of the holy martyrs Ja, and her companions, who, together with nine thousand Christian captives, under Sapor, king, by divers torments obtained the palm of martyrdom. At Cullen, of S. Protase, martyr. At Verona, of S. Agabius,

bishop and confessor. At Tours,* of S. Euphronius, bishop. At Rome, of S. Perpetua, who baptized by S. Peter the apostle, converted Nazarius, her son, and African, her husband, to the faith of Christ; and buried the bodies of many holy martyrs, and finally loaded with merits, went to our Lord.

G *The Fifth Day.*

At Rome, in the mount Esquiline, the dedication of the church of S. Mary ad Nives. Also at Rome, the passion of three-and-twenty holy martyrs, who in the persecution of Dioclesian being beheaded in the old way Salaria, lie there buried, at the descent of the hill Cucumer. At Ausburge,† the birth-day of S. Afra, martyr, who of an infidel being made a Christian, converted by S. Narcissus, bishop, and baptized with all her house, was for the confession of Christ burnt. At Ascoli‡, in Marc-Ancona, of S. Emygdius, martyr, who, ordained bishop by S. Marcellus, pope, and sent thither to preach the gospel, in the confession of Christ, under Dioclesian, emperor, received the crown of martyrdom. At Antioch, of S. Eusignius, a soldier, who, being an hundred and ten years of age, for objecting to Julian the apostate the faith of Constantine the Great, whom he had served in the wars, and reprehending him as a forsaker of his ancestor's piety, was by his com-

* Turones. † Augusta Vindelicorum. ‡ Asculum.

mand beheaded. Also of the holy martyrs Cantidius, Cantidian, and Sobel, Egyptians. At Chaallon,* in France, of S. Memmius, a citizen of Rome, who, ordained bishop of that city by S. Peter the apostle, brought the people committed to his charge to the truth of the Gospel. At Austum,† of S. Cassian, bishop. At Teano,‡ of S. Paris, bishop. In England, of S. Oswald, king, whose acts are recounted by Venerable Bede, priest. The same day, of S. Nonna, mother to S. Gregory Nazianzen.

A *The Sixth Day.*

Upon the mountain of Thabor, the transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ. At Rome, in the way called Appia, in the church-yard of Callistus, the birth-day of S. Sixtus the Second, pope and martyr, who in the persecution of Valerian, by being beheaded, received the crown of martyrdom. Also of the holy martyrs Felicissimus and Agapitus, deacons of the same S. Sixtus, Januarius, Magnus, Innocent, and Stephen, subdeacons, who were all with him beheaded, and lie buried in the church-yard of Prætextatus. There suffered also with them blessed Quartus, as writes S. Cyprian. At Alcala,§ in Spain, of the holy martyrs Justus and Pastor, brothers, who being young youths, and going yet to learn, casting down their books

* Catalaunum. † Augustodunum. ‡ Theanum. § Complutum.

in the school, did of their own accord run to martyrdom, and forthwith by the command of Dacian, president, being apprehended and beaten with cudgels, they mutually exhorting one another to constancy, were led out of the city, and there strangled by the hangman. At Rome, of S. Hormisda, pope and confessor. At Amida, of S. James, hermit, renowned for miracles.

B *The Seventh Day.*

At Arezzo,* in Tuscany, the birth-day of S. Donatus, bishop and martyr, who, amongst other of his miracles, as writes S. Gregory, pope, by his prayers made whole again a sacred chalice that had been broken by the pagans. He in the persecution of Julian the apostate, being apprehended by Quadratian, captain of the guard, for refusing to sacrifice unto idols was beheaded, and so accomplished his martyrdom. There suffered also with him S. Hilarin, a monk, whose feast is kept upon the sixteenth day of July, when his body was translated to Ostia. At Rome, of the holy martyrs Peter and Julian, with eighteen others. At Milan, of S. Faustus, a soldier, who under Aurelius Commodus, after many combats obtained the crown of martyrdom. At Como,† the passion of the holy martyrs Carpophorus, Exanthus, Cassius, Severin, Secundus, and Licinius, who for the confession of Christ were behead

* Aretium. † Novocomum.

ed. At Nisibis, in Mesopotamia, of S. Dometius, a Persian monk, who, with two of his disciples, was stoned to death under Julian the apostate. At Roan, of S. Victricius, bishop, who being yet a soldier, and under the same Julian casting away his military cincture for Christ, was by the tribune put to divers torments, and after condemned to be beheaded; but the executioner being struck blind, and his fetters loosed, he escaped away. Afterwards being made bishop, by preaching the Gospel he brought the fierce and barbarous people of Tervane* and Tournay† to the faith of Christ, and finally died a confessor in peace. At Chaallon,‡ in France, of S. Donatian, bishop. At Messina, in Sicily, of S. Albert, confessor, of the order of Carmelites, renowned for miracles. At Naples, in Campania, of blessed Cajetan, a Thienean, confessor, founder of the Cleric Regulars.

C *The Eighth Day.*

At Rome, of the holy martyrs Cyriacus, deacon, Largus, and Smaragdus, with twenty others, who in the persecution of Dioclesian and Maximian suffered upon the sixteenth of March. Their bodies being buried by one John, a priest, in the way called Salaria, S. Marcellus, pope, on this day translated them into the manor of Lucina, in the way to Ostia; which afterwards were brought

* Morini. † Nervii. ‡ Catalaunum.

into the city, and placed in the diacony or sacristy of S. Mary in Via Lata. At Axara,* in Cilicia, of S. Marinus, an old man, who under Dioclesian, emperor, and Lisias, president, being whipped, racked, and slashed with knives, at last, cast unto the beasts, ended his life. Also of the holy martyrs Eleutherius and Leonides, who by fire accomplished their martyrdom. In Persia, of S. Hormisda, martyr, under king Sapor. At Cyzicus, in Hellepont, of S. Æmilian, bishop, who having suffered much for the worship of holy images, by Leo the emperor at last ended his life in banishment. In Candia,† of S. Myro, bishop, renowned for miracles. At Vienne, in France, of S. Severus, priest and confessor, who, taking a long and painful journey out of India to preach the Gospel, and coming to the aforesaid city, converted there a great multitude of pagans to the faith of Christ by his sermons and miracles.

D *The Ninth Day.*

The vigil of S. Laurence, martyr. At Rome, of S. Romanus, a soldier, who greatly moved with the torments of S. Laurence, desired to be baptized by him; for which cause being forthwith accused, and beaten with cudgels, was finally beheaded. In Tuscany, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Secundian, Marcellian, and Verian, who in the time of Decius being first whipped by Pro-

* Anazarbum. † Creta.

motus, who had been consul, and then racked upon the torture *Equuleus*, torn with iron claws, and their sides cruelly scorched with fire applied to them, at last beheaded, deserved the triumphant palm of martyrdom. At Verona, of the holy martyrs Firmus and Rusticus, in the time of Maximian, emperor. In Africa, the commemoration of many holy martyrs, who in the persecution of Valerian being encouraged by S. Numidicus, were cast into the fire, and so obtained the palm of martyrdom. But Numidicus, although himself was cast also into the fire with the rest, and overwhelmed with stones, yet being dug out by his own daughter, and found half alive, was cured; and afterward deserved for his virtue to be admitted by S. Cyprian for a priest of the church of Carthage. At Constantinople, of the holy martyrs Julian, Marcian, and eight others, who for setting up our Saviour's image at the brazen gate, by the command of wicked Leo the emperor, after many torments were beheaded. At Chaallon,* in France, of S. Domitian, bishop and confessor.

E *The Tenth Day.*

At Rome, in the way Tiburtina, the birth-day of S. Laurence, archdeacon, who in the persecution of Valerian, after he had endured many torments for Christ, as imprisonment, beating with scorpions, cudgels, and leaden whips, and burning

* Catalaunum.

with fiery plates, at last, broiled upon a gridiron, accomplished his martyrdom: whose body was buried by blessed Hippolytus, and Justin, priest, in the church-yard of Cyriaca, in the field Verano. Also at Rome, the passion of one hundred, threescore and five holy soldiers, martyrs, under Aurelian, emperor. At Bergamo,* of S. Asteria, virgin and martyr, in the persecution of Dioclesian and Maximian, emperors. At Alexandria, the commemoration of the holy martyrs, who in the persecution of Valerian, under Æmilian, president, having been long tormented with sundry and exquisite torments, by divers kinds of death obtained the crown of martyrdom. At Carthage, of the holy virgins and martyrs, Bassa, Paula, and Agathonica. At Rome, of S. Deus-dedit, confessor, who every Saturday gave unto the poor whatsoever he gained by the labour of his hands all the week.

F *The Eleventh Day.*

At Rome, between the two bay-trees, the birthday of S. Tiburtius, martyr, who under Fabian, judge, in the persecution of Dioclesian, after he had walked barefoot upon hot burning coals, confessing Christ with greater constancy, was commanded to be led three miles out of the city, and there beheaded. Also at Rome, of S. Susanna, virgin, who, descended of a noble parentage, and niece to Caius, pope, being beheaded in the time

* Bergomum.

of Dioclesian, deserved the palm of martyrdom. At Comana, in Pontus, of Saint Alexander, bishop, surnamed Carbonarius, who of a most eloquent philosopher having attained to the eminent knowledge of Christian humility, was by S. Gregory Thaumaturgus advanced to the see of that church, where, famous for preaching, at last he accomplished his martyrdom by the fire. The same day, the passion of S. Rufinus, bishop of the Marsi in Italy, and his companions, under Maximinus, emperor. At Evreux,* in France, of S. Taurin, who being ordained bishop of that city by S. Clement, pope, greatly dilated the Christian faith by his many labours and preaching of the Gospel, and finally, renowned for miracles, went to rest in our Lord. At Cambray, in France, of S. Gaugericus, bishop and confessor. In the province of Valeria, of S. Equitius, abbot, whose holiness is approved by the testimony of S. Gregory, pope. At Todi,† of S. Digna, virgin.

G *The Twelfth Day.*

At Assisi, in Umbria, of S. Clare, virgin, first plant of the poor women of the order called Minorites, who, renowned for sanctity of life and miracles, was by pope Alexander the Fourth put in the catalogue of holy virgins. At Catana, in Sicily, the birth-day of S. Euplius, deacon, under Dioclesian and Maximian, emperors, who, after he

* Ebroicum. † Tudertum.

had been long tortured for the confession of our Lord, at last obtained the palm of martyrdom by the sword. At Ausburge,* of S. Hilaria, mother to S. Afra, martyr, who, watching and praying at the sepulchre of her daughter, was for the faith of Christ by the persecutors there cast into the fire, and burned, together with her maid-servants Digna, Euprepia, and Eunomia. There suffered also the same day, in the same city, Quiriacus, Largius, Crescentian, Nimmia, and Juliana, with twenty others. In Syria, of the holy martyrs Macarius and Julian. At Nicomedia, of the holy martyrs Anicetus, an earl, and Photinus, his brother, with many others, under Dioclesian, emperor. At Falari,† in Tuscany, the passion of the Saints Grascilian, and Felicissima, virgin, who for their confession of the faith having their mouths sore bruised with stones, received the palm of martyrdom by the sword, which they had long before desired. The same day, of the holy martyrs Porcarius, abbot of the monastery of Lirina, and of five hundred monks, who being slain by the barbarous people for the Catholic faith, were crowned with martyrdom. At Milan, the deposition of S. Eusebius, bishop and confessor. At Brescia, of S. Herculan, bishop.

* Augusta Vindelicorum. † Faleria.

A *The Thirteenth Day.*

At Rome, of S. Hippolytus, martyr, who for his glorious confession, under Valerian, emperor, after other torments, being tied by the feet to the necks of wild horses, and so dragged through briars and brambles, his body all torn, gave up the ghost. There suffered also the same day S. Concordia, his nurse, who, being beaten before him with leaden whips, went unto our Lord, together with nineteen others of his house, who were beheaded without the gate Tiburtina, and buried with him in the field Verano. At Imola,* the birth-day of S. Cassian, martyr, who for refusing to worship idols, was commanded to be killed with penknives by his own scholars, to whom he was made hateful by teaching them; whose strength how much the weaker it was, so much more grievous was the pain of his martyrdom by a lingering death. At Todi,† of S. Cassian, bishop and martyr, under Dioclesian, emperor. At Burgos, in Spain, of the Saints Centolla and Helena, martyrs. At Constantinople, of S. Maximus, monk, renowned for his learning and zeal of the Catholic faith, who for valiantly oppugning the Monothelites, having his hands cut off, and his tongue plucked out by Constans, the heretical emperor, was finally banished into Chersonesus, and there ended his life. At which time also two of his disciples, both called Anastasius, with many

* Forum Syllæ. † Tudertum.

others, endured divers torments and hard banishments. In Germany, of S. Wigbert, priest and confessor. At Poitiers,* of S. Radegundes, queen, renowned for her sanctity and miracles.

B *The Fourteenth Day.*

The vigil of the assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. At Rome, the birth-day of S. Eusebius, priest, who for defending the Catholic faith, being shut up in a chamber of his own house, by the command of Constantius, the Arian emperor, and there persevering constantly seven months together in prayer, went to rest in our Lord: whose body Gregory and Orosius, priests, buried in the church-yard of Callistus, in the way Appia. In Sclavonia,† of S. Ursicius, martyr, who under Maximian, emperor, and Aristides, president, after many and divers torments for the name of Christ, was beheaded. In Africa, of S. Demetrius, martyr. At Apamea, in Syria, of S. Marcellus, bishop and martyr, who for pulling down the temple of Jupiter, was killed by the furious Gentiles At Todi, of S. Callistus, bishop and martyr. In the island Ægina, of S. Athanasia, widow, renowned for monastical discipline, and grace of miracles.

* Pictavium. † Illiricum.

C *The Fifteenth Day.*

THE assumption of the most holy Mother of God, the Virgin Mary. At Rome, in the way Appia, of S. Tharsicius, acolyte, who being apprehended by the Paynims as he was carrying the holy sacrament of Christ's body, and examined what he carried: he, judging it an unworthy thing to cast pearls unto swine, was so long beaten by them with cudgels and stones, until he gave up the ghost; the sacrilegious wretches turning and searching his body in every place, could find no part of the holy sacrament, either in his hands or garments. But the Christians took the body of the martyr, and honourably interred the same in the church-yard of Callistus. At Tagasta, in Africa, of S. Alipius, bishop, who having been some time scholar to S. Augustin, was afterwards his companion in his conversion, his colleague in his pastoral function, and his valiant fellow-soldier in his combats against heretics, and finally his partner in celestial glory. At Soissons,* in France, of S. Arnulph, bishop and confessor.

D *The Sixteenth Day.*

At Craconia, in Polonia, of S. Hyacinthus, confessor, of the order of S. Dominick, who was canonized for a saint by pope Clement the Eighth.

*Suessio.

At Rome, of S. Titus, deacon, who when the city was taken by the Goths, for distributing certain money to the poor, by the command of a barbarous tribune was killed. At Nice, in Bithynia, of S. Diomedes, a physician, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, for the faith of Christ being beheaded, accomplished his martyrdom. Also of thirty-three holy martyrs. At Florentino,* in Campania, of S. Ambrose, centurion, who in the persecution of Dioclesian being divers ways tormented, and also cast into the fire without hurt, was finally drowned, and so brought unto the place of rest. At Milan, the deposition of S. Simplician, bishop, famous by the testimony both of S. Ambrose and S. Augustin. At Auxerre, of S. Eleutherius, bishop. At Nicomedia, of S. Arsacius, confessor, who being a soldier under Licinius the persecutor, left that employment, and became an hermit, and was so potent in working miracles, that he is said to have driven out devils by his prayers, as also to have killed a huge dragon; and finally, foretelling the destruction of that city, in prayer gave up his soul to God. At Montpellier,† in Provence of France, the deposition of S. Roch, confessor, who by the sign of the cross delivered many cities in Italy from the plague. His body was afterwards translated to Venice. At Rome, of S. Serena, sometime wife to Dioclesian the Emperor.

* Ferentinum. † Mons Pessulanus.

E *The Seventeenth Day.*

THE octave of S. Laurence, martyr. At Carthage, in Africa, of the holy martyrs, Liberatus, abbot, Boniface, deacon, Servus and Rusticus, subdeacons, Rogatus and Septimus, monks, and Maximus, a boy, who in the persecution of the Vandals, under king Hunnericus, for the confession of the Catholic faith, and defence of one only Baptism, being put to divers and unheard-of torments, at length, nailed upon the wood wherewith they were to be burned, and the fire oftentimes kindled, but always put out again by the power of God, were finally, by the tyrant's command, brained to death with cleavers, and so finished the glorious course of their combat, and received the crown of eternal glory. At Cæsarea, in Cappadocia, the birth-day of S. Mamas, martyr, who from his childhood to his old age endured a long martyrdom, and at length, in the time of Aurelian, emperor, and Alexander, president, happily finished the same: whose great praises S. Basil and S. Gregory Nazianzen have left written. In Achaia, of S. Myron, priest and martyr, who under Decius, emperor, and Antipater, president, after many torments was beheaded at Cyzicus. At Nicomedia, of the holy martyrs Strato, Philip, and Eutychian, who, condemned to the beasts, and not touched by them, accomplished their martyrdom by fire. At Ptolemais in Palestine, of the holy martyrs Paul, and Juliana his sister, who suffered under Valerian.

At Teramo,* of S. Anastasius, bishop and confessor.

The Eighteenth Day.

At Palestrina,† the birth-day of S. Agapitus, martyr, who being but fifteen years of age, and fervent in the love of Christ, was apprehended by the command of Aurelian, emperor, and cruelly whipped with raw sinews; but afterwards, under Antiochus, governor, enduring more grievous torments, and by the command of the said emperor cast also unto the lions without any hurt, was finally beheaded, and so crowned. At Rome, of the Saints John and Crispus, priests, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, very carefully interred many bodies of Saints; to whose merits themselves being afterward associated, deserved the joys of eternal life. There also, of the holy martyrs Hermas, Serapion, and Polyænus, who being dragged through narrow, stony and craggy places, gave up their souls to God. In Sclavonia, of the holy martyrs Florus and Laurus, gravers in stone, whose masters, Proculus and Maximus, being first martyred under Lician, president, after many torments, themselves were drowned in a deep well. At Myra, in Lycia, of the holy martyrs Leo and Juliana. At Metz,‡ in France, of S. Firmin, bishop and confessor. At Rome, in the way called Lavicana, of S. Helen, mother to the most

* Interamna. † Præneste. ‡ Metæ.

pious emperor Constantine the Great, who first gave example to other princes, to maintain and amplify the holy Church.

G *The Nineteenth Day.*

At Rome, of S. Julius, senator and martyr, who, delivered unto Vitellius, judge, and by him cast into prison, by the command of Commodus the emperor was so long beaten with cudgels, until he gave up the ghost. His body was buried in the church-yard of Calepodius, in the way called Aurelia. In Cilicia, the birth-day of S. Andrew, colonel, and his fellow-soldiers, who having obtained a miraculous victory against the Persians, were converted to the faith of Christ; for which cause being accused, they were killed by the army of Seleucus, president, under Maximian, emperor, in the straits of the mountain Taurus. In Palestine, of S. Timothy, martyr, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, under Urban, president, after he had overcome many torments, was burned with a slow fire. There also suffered in the same place, Tecla and Agapius; of whom Tecla, being cast unto the beasts, and torn in pieces with their teeth, went to her heavenly Spouse: but Agapius, after he had endured many torments, his death was deferred to greater combats. At Anagnia, of S. Magnus, bishop and martyr, who was killed in the persecution of Decius. In the castle of

Brimoigne,* in Provence, of S. Lewis, bishop of Tolosa, renowned for his holiness of life and miracles, whose body being translated thence to Marseille, lies honourably interred there, in the church of the Franciscans. In the territory of Sisteron, in France, of S. Donatus, priest and confessor, who even from his infancy endued with wonderful graces and favours from God, lived an anchoret many years, and finally, renowned for miracles, went unto our Lord. In the territory of Bourges,† of S. Marian, confessor. At Mantua, of S. Rufinus, confessor.

A *The Twentieth Day.*

In the territory of Langres,‡ the deposition of S. Bernard, the first abbot of Clarevallis, renowned for his life, learning, and miracles. At Alba, in Hungary, of S. Stephen, king, who, endued with divine graces, first converted the Hungarians to the faith of Christ. In Jewry, of S. Samuel, prophet, whose holy bones (as S. Jerom writes) were translated to Constantinople by Arcadius, emperor, and there honourably placed in a church, near to the place Septimus. The same day, of S. Lucius, senator, who by seeing the constancy of Theodore, bishop of Cyrene, at his martyrdom, was converted to the faith of Christ, whereunto he also brought Dignian the president, with whom going to Cyprus, and there seeing other Christians

* Brincola. † Bituricæ. ‡ Lingones.

put to death for the confession of Christ, offered himself also thereunto of his own accord, and by being beheaded, deserved the same crown of martyrdom. In Thracia, of thirty-seven holy martyrs, who under Appellian, president, having their hands and feet cut off for the faith of Christ, were cast into a burning furnace. Also of the holy martyrs Severus, and Memnon, a centurion, who by one and the same kind of death went both conquerors to heaven. At Cordova, of the holy martyrs Leonigildus and Christopher, monks, who in the persecution of the Arabians, being cast into prison for defence of the Christian faith, and straight beheaded, and their bodies burned, they obtained the palm of martyrdom. At Rome, of S. Porphyry, a holy man, who instructed S. Agapitus the martyr in the faith and doctrine of Christ. In the island Herion, of S. Philibert, abbot. In the castle of Chinon, of S. Maximus, confessor, disciple of S. Martin, bishop.

B *The One-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Rome, in the field Verano, of S. Cyriaca, widow and martyr, who in the persecution of Valerian, when she had long employed herself and all her substance in the service of the saints, gave also at last her life most willingly, by suffering martyrdom for Christ. At Salona, of S. Anastasius, a cornet in the army, who seeing S. Agapitus so constantly endure martyrdom, and thereby con-

verted to the faith, was for the same put to death by Aurelian, emperor, and so went a martyr to our Lord. In Sardinia, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Luxorius, Cisellus, and Camerinus, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, under Delphius, president, were beheaded. In the territory of Vicarez * of S. Privatus, bishop and martyr, who suffered in the persecution of Valerian and Gallienus. The same day, of the holy martyrs Bonosus and Maximian. At Fundi, in Italy, of S. Paternus, martyr, who coming from Alexandria to Rome to visit the Apostles' sepulchres, and thence retiring himself near to Fundi, apprehended by a colonel as he was burying the bodies of certain martyrs, and cast into prison, and there died. At Edessa, in Syria, of the holy martyrs Bassa, and her sons Theogonius, Agapius, and Fidelis, whom their godly mother exhorting to constancy. in the persecution of Maximian, sent before her to receive their crowns by martyrdom; and herself being beheaded, joyfully followed after. At Verona, of S. Euprepius, bishop and confessor. Also of S. Quadratus, bishop.

C *The Two-and-Twentieth Day.*

THE octave of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. At Rome, in the way to Ostia, the birth-day of S. Timothy, martyr, who, apprehended by Tarquinius, governor of the city, and pined

* Gavalita.

with long imprisonment, for refusing to sacrifice unto idols was three times whipped, and otherwise grievously tormented, and at last beheaded. At Porto,* of S. Hippolytus, bishop, greatly renowned for his learning, who under Alexander the emperor, for the worthy confession of his faith, tied hand and foot, and cast headlong into a deep ditch full of water, received the palm of martyrdom; whose body was buried by the Christians in the same place. At Austum,† of S. Symphorian, martyr, who in the time of Aurelian, emperor, for refusing to sacrifice unto idols, was first sore whipped, and after cast into prison, and at last beheaded, accomplished his martyrdom. At Rome, of S. Antoninus, martyr, who freely professing himself a Christian, was condemned to be beheaded by Vitellius, judge, and lies buried in the way called Aurelia. Also at Porto, of the holy martyrs Martialis, Saturninus, Epictetus, Maprilis, and Felix, with their companions. At Nicomedia, the passion of the Saints Agathonicus, Zoticus, and their fellow-martyrs, under Maximian, emperor, and Eutholomius, president. At Tharsus, of the Saints Athanasius, bishop and martyr, and Anthusa, a noblewoman whom he had baptized, and of two of her servants, who suffered under Valerian, emperor. At Rheims, of the holy martyrs Maurus, and his companions. In Spain, of the holy martyrs Fabrician and Philibert. At Pavia, of S. Gunifort, martyr.

* Portus Romanus. † Augustodunum.

D *The Three-and-Twentieth Day.*

THE Vigil of S. Bartholomew, apostle. At Antioch, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Restitutus, Donatus, Valerian, and Fructuosa, with twelve others, who were crowned with the honour of a most renowned martyrdom. At Ostia, of the holy martyrs Quiriacus, bishop, Maximus, priest, Archelaus, deacon, and their companions, who under Ulpian, governor, suffered in the time of Alexander. At Ægea, in Cilicia, of the holy martyrs Claudius, Asterius, and Neon, brothers, who being accused by their stepmother to be Christians, under Dioclesian, emperor, and Lisias, president, after cruel torments, nailed to a cross, triumphed victoriously with Christ. There suffered after them Donvina and Theonilla. At Rheims in France, the birth-day of the Saints Timothy and Apollinaris, who there suffering martyrdom, deserved the kingdom of heaven. At Lyons, of the holy martyrs Minervus, and Eleazar, with his eight sons. Also of S. Luppus, martyr, who from a servile condition being made partaker of Christian liberty, was honoured also with the crown of martyrdom. At Jerusalem, of S. Zachæus, bishop, who governed the Church of Jerusalem the fourth after S. James the apostle. At Alexandria, of S. Theonas, bishop and confessor. At Utica, in Africa, of S. Victor, bishop. At Austum,* of S. Flavian, bishop. At Auvergne,† of S. Sidonius,

* Augustodunum. † Arvernum.

bishop, famous for his learning and holiness of life. At Todi,* of Blessed Philip of Florence, propagator of the Order of the Servants of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

E *The Four-and-Twentieth Day.*

Of Saint Bartholomew, apostle, who having preached the Gospel of Christ in India, and passing thence into the Greater Armenia, after he had there converted many to the faith, was by the barbarous people flayed alive, then commanded by Astyages, the king's brother, to be beheaded, accomplished his martyrdom. His holy body being brought first to the island of Lipara, was afterward translated to Benevento, and lastly to Rome, where the same is greatly honoured in the island of Tibur by the faithful. At Carthage, of three hundred holy martyrs, in the days of Valerian and Gallienus, who amongst other torments, when the president had commanded a limekiln to be kindled, and coals and frankincense to be brought him, he said unto them: Choose one of these two, either offer incense upon these coals to Jupiter, or cast yourselves into the burning lime; they, armed with faith, and confessing Christ to be the Son of God, with great speed cast themselves into the fire; where amongst the smoke and vapours of the lime they were turned into dust; whence that pure troop of Saints deserved to be

* Tudertum.

called *Massa Candida,* the white troop or heap. At Ostia, of S. Aurea, virgin and martyr, who having a great stone tied to her neck, was drowned in the sea. Her body being cast upon the shore, was buried by S. Nonnus. In Isauria, of S. Tation, martyr, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, under Urban, president, being beheaded, received the crown of martyrdom. The same day, of S. Eutychius, disciple of S. John the Evangelist, who for preaching the Gospel, in many countries endured both imprisonment, whipping, and fire, and at last went to rest in peace. Also of S. George, surnamed Limniota, monk, who for reprehending the wicked emperor Leo for breaking of holy images, and burning the relics of Saints, having by his command his hands cut off, and head burnt, accomplished his martyrdom. At Rouen, of S. Owen, bishop and confessor. At Nevers, of S. Patrick, abbot.

F *The Five-and-Twentieth Day*

At Paris, of S. Lewis, confessor, and king of France, renowned for holiness of life and miracles. At Rome, of the holy martyrs Eusebius, Pontianus, Vincentius, and Peregrin, who under Commodus, emperor, being first racked upon the *Equuleus,* and stretched out with sinews, then beaten with cudgels, and their sides burned, and still persisting most constant in praising of Christ, were beaten with leaden whips till they gave up the

ghost. Also at Rome, of S. Genesius, martyr, before his conversion a jester, who on a time upon the stage, in presence of Dioclesian the emperor, scoffing at the mysteries of Christians, being suddenly by God's holy inspiration converted to the faith, and baptized, was forthwith, by the command of the said emperor, cruelly beaten with cudgels, racked upon the torture *Equuleus*, a long time torn with claws of iron, burned with torches, and still persisting constant in his faith, saying, "There is no king but Christ, for whom if I be killed a thousand times, you shall not be able to take Him from my mouth, nor my heart;" being beheaded, deserved the palm of martyrdom. At Italica,* in Spain, of S. Geruntius, bishop, who in the time of the Apostles preaching the Gospel of Christ in that province, after many labours died in prison. At Arles,† in France, of another S. Genesius also, who being a notary, and refusing to register the wicked edicts by which it was commanded that Christians should be tormented, casting down the records, and professing himself to be a Christian, was apprehended, and beheaded; and so being baptized in his own blood, obtained the glory of martyrdom. In Syria, of S. Julian, martyr. At Tarragona, of S. Maginus, martyr. At Constantinople, of S. Mennas, bishop. At Utrecht,‡ of S. Gregory, bishop. At Naples, of S. Patricia, Virgin.

* Hispalis Vetus. † Arelatum. ‡ Trajectum.

G *The Six-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Rome, of S. Zepherin, pope and martyr. There also, of the holy martyrs Irenæus and Abundius, who in the persecution of Valerian, for taking the body of S. Concordia out of a privy, were themselves cast into the same: whose bodies being drawn out by Justin, a priest, were buried in a cave near to S. Laurence. At Vintimiglia,* a city in Liguria, of S. Secundus, martyr, a man of great renown, and captain of the Theban Legion. At Bergamo, in Lombardy, of S. Alexander, martyr, who being also one of the same legion, for the constant confession of the name of Christ being beheaded, accomplished his martyrdom. Amongst the Marcians, of the Saints Simplicius, and his sons, Constance and Victorian, who under Antoninus, emperor, first diversly tormented, and at last beheaded, obtained the crown of martyrdom. At Nicomedia, the passion of S. Adrian, son to Probus, emperor, who reproving Licinius for the persecution he had raised against the Christians, was by his command killed. His body was buried at Agyropolis, by his uncle, Domitius, bishop of Byzantium. In Spain, of S. Victor, martyr, who being slain by the Moors for the faith of Christ, was crowned with martyrdom. At Capua, of S. Rufinus, bishop and confessor. At Pistorium, of S. Felix, priest and confessor.

* Albintimelium.

A *The Seven-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Capua in Campania, the birth-day of S. Rufus, bishop and martyr, who, being a senator, was baptized by S. Appollinaris, disciple of S. Peter, together with all his family. There also, of the holy martyrs Rufus and Carpophorus, who suffered under Dioclesian and Maximian. At Tomis, in Pontus, of the holy martyrs Marcellinus, tribune, and his wife Mannea, and of his sons John, Serapion, and Peter. In Sicily, of S. Euthalia, virgin, who for being a Christian, was by her own brother Sermilian killed by the sword, and so went unto her Spouse. The same day, the passion of S. Anthusa the younger, who for the faith of Christ being drowned in a well, received the palm of martyrdom. At Bergamo, of S. Narnus, who being baptized by S. Barnaby, was by him ordained the first bishop of that city. At Arles,* of S. Cesarius, bishop, a man of wonderful holiness and piety. At Austum,† of S. Syagrius, bishop and confessor. At Pavia, of S. John, bishop. At Lerida,‡ in the kingdom of Arragon, in Spain, of S. Licerius, bishop. In Thebais, of S. Pœmon, anchoret. At San-Severino,§ in Marc-Ancona, of S. Margaret, widow.

* Arelate. † Augustodunum. ‡ Ilerda. § Septempeda.

B *The Eight-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Hippo-Regius, in Africa, the birth-day of S. Augustine, bishop, and famous doctor of the Church, who being converted by S. Ambrose to the Catholic faith, and by him baptized, defended the same most stoutly against the Manichees, and other heretics: and after many other labours sustained for the Church of God, went finally to heaven for his reward: whose relics were conveyed from his own city first to Sardinia, for fear of the barbarous people; and afterward by Luitprandus, king of the Lombards, translated to Pavia,* where they are still honourably kept. At Rome, the birth-day of S. Hermes, a nobleman, who (as we read in the acts of blessed Alexander, pope,) being first cast into prison, was afterward with many others slain by the sword, and so accomplished his martyrdom, under Aurelian, judge. At Brioude,† in Auvergne, the passion of S. Julian, martyr, who being companion to S. Ferreolus, tribune, and secretly serving Christ in a soldier's habit, was apprehended by the soldiers in the persecution of Dioclesian, and having his throat cut, died a cruel death. At Constance,‡ in France, of S. Pelagius, martyr, who under Numerian, emperor, and Evilasius, judge, received the crown of martyrdom. At Salerno, of the holy martyrs Fortunatus, Caius, and Anthes, who were beheaded under Dioclesian, emperor, and Leontius, procon-

* Ticinum. † Brivas. ‡ Constantia.

sul. At Constantinople, of S. Alexander, bishop, a renowned old man, by whose prayers Arius, condemned by the judgment of God, burst in the midst, and voided forth his bowels. At Saints,* of S. Vivian, bishop. Also of S. Moses, an Ethiopian, who of a famous thief became a renowned anchoret, and having converted many thieves, carried them with him to a monastery.

C *The Nine-and-Twentieth Day.*

The decollation of Saint John Baptist, whom Herod about the feast of Easter beheaded; though his memory be kept on this day with great solemnity, when his venerable head was found the second time; which being afterward translated to Rome, is there kept with great devotion of the people, in the church of S. Sylvester, near unto Campus Martius. At Rome, in the mount Aventine, the birth-day of S. Sabina, martyr, who being beheaded under Adrian, emperor, obtained the crown of martyrdom. Also at Rome, of S. Candida, virgin and martyr, whose body pope Paschalis the First translated to the church of S. Praxedes. At Antioch, in Syria, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Nicæas and Paulus. At Constantinople, of the holy martyrs Hypatius, an Asian bishop, and Andrew, a priest, who for the worship of holy images, under Leo Isauricus, having their beards besmeared with pitch, and after

* Santones.

set on fire, and the skin of their heads plucked off, were finally strangled. At Perugia, of S. Euthymius, a Roman, who flying the persecution of Dioclesian, together with his wife, and Crescentius his son, there rested in our Lord. At Metz,* of S. Adelph, bishop and confessor. At Paris, the deposition of S. Medericus, priest. In England, of S. Seb, king. At Smyrna, the birth-day of S. Basilla. In the territory of Troys, of S. Sabina, virgin, renowned for her virtues and miracles.

D *The Thirtieth Day.*

At Rome, in the way to Ostia, the passion of S. Felix, priest, under Dioclesian and Maximian, emperors, who having endured the torture of *Equuleus,* and received the sentence of death, as he was led to execution, was met by a certain man who professed himself a Christian, who for that cause was forthwith beheaded with him. This man's name the Christians not knowing, called him Adauctus, because he was added to S. Felix as partaker of his crown. Also at Rome, of S. Gaudentia, virgin and martyr, with three others. There also, of S. Pammachius, priest, greatly renowned for holiness of life and learning. At Colonia Suffetulana, in Africa, of threescore holy martyrs, slain by the fury of the Gentiles. At Mahometta,† also in Africa, of the Saints Boniface and Thecla, who were the parents of twelve

* Metæ. † Adrumetum.

sons, all martyrs. At Thessalonica, of S. Fantinus, confessor, who having suffered much by the Saracens, and driven out of his monastery, where he lived in great abstinence, after he had brought many to the way of salvation, rested at last in a good old age. In the territory of Meaux,* of S. Fiaker, confessor. At Bolonia, of S. Bononius, abbot.

E *The One-and-Thirtieth Day.*

At Cardona, in Spain, of S. Raymundus Nonnatus, cardinal and confessor, of the order of Blessed Mary of the Reward of Redeeming Captives, famous for sanctity of life and miracles. At Trevers, the birth-day of S. Paulinus, bishop, who in the time of the Arian troubles being banished for the Catholic faith by Constance, the Arian emperor, and, even beyond the name of Christendom, wearied out unto death with change of banishments, at last, dying in Phrygia, received of our Lord the crown of his blessed passion. Also of the holy martyrs Robustian and Mark. At Transaqua, amongst the Marcians, near to the lake of Rossiglion,† the birth-day of the holy martyrs Cesidius, priest, and his companions, who in the persecution of Maximinus were crowned with martyrdom. At Cæsarea in Cappadocia, of the Saints Theodotus, Rufina, and Ammia, of whom the two first were parents to Mamas the martyr,

* Meldi. † Fucinum.

born in prison, and Ammia brought him up. At Athens, of S. Aristides, renowned for his faith and wisdom, who gave up a book to Adrian the emperor, treating of the Christian Religion, and containing reasons of our doctrine; as also made an oration in the presence of the said emperor, wherein he manifestly proved that Christ Jesus was the only true God. At Auxerre,* of S. Optatus, bishop and confessor. In England, of S. Aidan, bishop of Lindisfarne, whose soul when S. Cuthbert, being then a shepherd, saw carried up to heaven, forsaking his sheep, he became a monk. At Nosca,† of S. Amatus, bishop.

September.

F *The First Day.*

In Provence of France, of S. Giles, abbot and confessor. At Benevento, of twelve holy martyrs, brothers. In Palestine, of the Saints Josue and Gedeon. At Jerusalem, of S. Anna, prophetess, whose sanctity the holy Gospel relates. At Capua, in the way called Aquaria, of S. Priscus, martyr, an ancient disciple of Christ. At Rheims, in France, of S. Xystus, disciple of S. Peter the apostle, who being by him ordained the first bishop of that city, under Nero received the crown of martyrdom. At Todi,‡ in Umbria, of S. Terentian, bishop and martyr, who under Adrian, empe-

* Antisiodorum. † Nuscum. ‡ Tudertum.

ror, by the command of Letian, proconsul, being racked upon the torture *Equuleus*, and whipped with scorpions, having at last his tongue cut out, and beheaded, accomplished his martyrdom. At Heraclea, of S. Ammon, deacon, and forty holy virgins whom he instructed in the faith, and under Licinius the tyrant conducted with him to the glory of martyrdom. In Spain, of the holy martyrs Vincentius and Lætus. At Populonium, in Tuscany, of S. Regulus, martyr, who coming thither out of Africa, under Totilas accomplished his martyrdom. At Sens,* of S. Lupus, bishop and confessor, of whom it is recorded, that on a certain day, whilst in presence of the clergy he said mass at the altar, there fell from heaven a jewel into his holy chalice. Also at Capua, of another Priscus, bishop, who was one of those priests which in the persecution of the Vandals, being diversly tormented for the Catholic faith, and put into an old ship, came from Africa to the shore of Campania, and there being dispersed into divers places, and made rulers of sundry churches, greatly dilated the Christian religion. His companions were Castrensis, Tammarus, Rosius, Heraclius Secundinus, Adjutor, Marcus, Augustus, Elpidius, Canion, and Vindonius. At Aquino, of S. Constance, bishop, famous for the gift of prophecy, and many virtues. At Mans,† of S. Victorius, bishop. In the territory of Constance, at Aquæduræ, of S. Verena, virgin.

Senones. † Cenomanum.

G *The Second Day.*

At Rome, of S. Maxima, martyr, who together with S. Ansan, confessing of Christ, in the persecution of Dioclesian, whilst she was beaten with cudgels, gave up the ghost. At Pamiers,* in France, of S. Antoninus, martyr, whose relics are kept with great veneration in the church at Palentia. Also of the holy martyrs Diomedes, Julian, Philip, Eutychian, Hesychius, Leonides, Philadelphus, Menalippus, and Pantagapas, of whom some by fire, some by water, others by the sword and cross, accomplished their martyrdom. At Nicomedia, of the holy martyrs Zeno, and of Concordius and Theodore, his sons. The same day, the passion of the Saints Evodius, Hermogenes, and Callista, brothers and sister. At Lyons, in France, the birth-day of S. Justus, bishop and confessor, renowned for holiness of life and the spirit of prophecy. He resigning up his bishopric, and withdrawing himself, together with Viator, his lector, into the wilderness of Egypt, after he had for some years led there an angelical life, and the worthy end of his labours was come, he went unto our Lord to receive the crown of justice, upon the fourteenth day of October. His holy body, together with the relics of blessed Viator, his lector, was afterwards on this day brought unto Lyons. There also, of S. Elpidius, bishop and confessor. Also in Marc-Ancona, of another S. Elpidius,

* Pamia.

abbot, whose holy body with great devotion is kept in a town of his own name. In the Mount Soractes, of S. Nonnosius, abbot, who by his prayers removed a mighty great stone, and was famous for other miracles.

A *The Third Day.*

At Rome, of S. Serapia, virgin, who under Adrian, emperor, being delivered over unto two lascivious young men, and could not be corrupted by them, nor yet burned with flaming torches, by the command of Berillus, judge, beaten with cudgels, was lastly beheaded. She suffered upon the twenty-ninth day of July, and was interred by S. Sabina, in her own sepulchre, joining to the place called Vindician; but her memory is kept more solemnly on this day, when their tomb was finished and adorned, and the place itself dedicated to God for prayer. At Corinth, the birth-day of S. Phœbe, of whom S. Paul the apostle, writing to the Romans, makes mention. At Aquileia, of the holy virgins and martyrs, Euphemia, Dorothy, Tecla, and Erasma, who under Nero, after many torments, were beheaded, and buried by S. Hermagoras. At Capua, of the holy martyrs Aristeus, bishop, and Antoninus, a youth. At Nicomedia, the passion of S. Basilissa, virgin and martyr, who being but nine years of age, in the persecution of Dioclesian, under Alexander, president, having by divine power overcome stripes, fire, and

the beasts, rendered up her soul to God in prayer. Also of the holy martyrs Zeno and Chariton, of whom the one was cast into a cauldron of boiling lead, the other into a burning furnace. At Cordova, of S. Sandalus, martyr. The same day, of the holy martyrs Aigulphus, abbot of Lerina, and his companions, monks, who having their tongues cut, and eyes plucked out, were at last beheaded. At Toul,* in France, of S. Mansuetus, bishop and confessor. At Milan, the deposition of S. Auxanus, bishop. The same day, of S. Simeon, surnamed Stylita the younger. At Rome, the ordination and installing of S. Gregory the Great, pope, a man of incomparable worth, who being compelled to take upon him that burden, seated in a higher throne, spread forth much brighter beams of sanctity throughout the world.

B *The Fourth Day.*

Upon Mount Nebo, in the land of Moab, of S. Moses, the lawgiver and prophet. At Ancyra, in Galatia, the birth-day of three holy children, Rufinus, Silvan, and Vitalicus, martyrs. At Chaalons,† in France, of Marcellus, martyr under Antoninus, emperor, who being invited by Priscus, president, to an idolatrous banquet, and detesting such kind of meats, reprehended with great liberty all that were present for worshipping of idols; for which cause, by an unheard-of kind of cruelty,

* Tullum. † Cabillo.

being by the same president buried in the ground up to the girdle, and remaining in that manner three days, continually praising God, gave up his undefiled soul to God. The same day, of the holy martyrs Magnus, Castus, and Maximus. At Trevers, of S. Marcellus, bishop and martyr. The same day, of Saint Thameles, who had been some time an idolatrous priest, with his fellow-martyrs, under Adrian the emperor. Also of the holy martyrs Theodore, Oceanus, Ammian, and Julian, who under Maximian, emperor, having their feet cut off, cast into the fire, accomplished their martyrdom. At Rimini,* of S. Marinus, deacon. At Palermo,† the birth-day of S. Rosalia, virgin, of the same city, of the blood royal from Charles the Great, who for the love of Christ flying from her father's princely greatness and court, all alone in mountains and caves led a heavenly life. At Naples, in Campania, the birth-day of S. Candida, who first met S. Peter coming to that city, and being baptized by him, afterward rested in our Lord. There also, of S. Candida the younger, renowned for miracles. At Viterbo, of S. Rose, virgin.

C *The Fifth Day.*

At Rome, in the suburbs, of S. Victorinus, bishop and martyr, renowned for holiness and miracles, who by the election of all the people

* Ariminum, † Panormus.

was chosen bishop of Amiterno; but afterward, under Nerva-Trajan, being banished, with other servants of God, to Cutilia, where the stinking brimstone-waters do spring forth, was by the command of Aurelian, judge, hanged up by the feet with his head downward, which when he had endured for Christ's sake three days, he went triumphantly crowned to our Lord. His body was taken away by the Christians, and by them honourably buried at Amiterno. At Porto,* the birth-day of S. Herculan, martyr. At Capua, of the holy martyrs Quinctius, Arcontius, and Donatus. The same day, of S. Romulus, president of Trajan's court, who for detesting the emperor's cruelty against Christians, being first whipped with rods, was after beheaded. At Melitine, in Armenia, the passion of the holy soldiers Eudoxius, Zeno, and Macarius, together with a thousand one hundred and four, their companions, who casting off their military cincture, in the persecution of Dioclesian were killed for the confession of Christ. At Constantinople, of the holy martyrs Urban, Theodore, Menedemus, and seventy-seven more of the clergy, who by the command of Valens, emperor, being put into a ship, were burned in the sea for the Catholic faith. In the territory of Tervane, in the monastery of Sithieu, of S. Bertin, abbot. At Toledo, of S. Obdulia, virgin.

* Portus Romanus.

D *The Sixth Day.*

Of Zachary, prophet, who in his old age returning from Chaldea home to his country, lies buried near to the prophet Aggeus. In Hellespont, of S. Onesiphorus, disciple to the apostles, of whom S. Paul makes mention writing to Timothy: who there, together with S. Porphyry, by the command of Adrian the proconsul, being sorely whipped, and drawn to pieces with wild horses, gave up his soul to God. At Alexandria, the passion of the holy martyrs Faustus, priest, Macarius, and ten more, their companions, who under Decius, emperor, and Valerius, president, being all beheaded for the name of Christ, accomplished their martyrdom. In Cappadocia, of the holy martyrs Cottidus, deacon, Eugenius, and their companions. In Africa, of the holy bishops Donatian, Præsidius, Mansuetus, German, and Fusculus, who in the persecution of the Vandals, by the command of Hunnericus, the Arian king, for defence of the Catholic verity, being all most cruelly beaten with cudgels, were afterward sent into banishment; amongst whom a bishop, also called Lætus, a valiant and most learned man, after a long and troublesome imprisonment was burned. At Verona, of S. Petronius, bishop and confessor. At Rome, of S. Eleutherius, abbot, a servant of God, who, as S. Gregory, pope, writes, raised a dead man to life by his prayers and tears.

E *The Seventh Day.*

At Nicomedia, the birth-day of S. John, martyr, who seeing the cruel edicts against Christians to hang up in the market-place, inflamed with a zeal for the true faith, pulled them down, and tore them in pieces, for which fact being by the command of Dioclesian and Maximian, emperors, then resident in that city, put to all kind of cruel torments, endured them with such cheerfulness of countenance and mind, as he seemed not to be any whit troubled or sad therefore. At Cæsarea, in Cappadocia, of S. Eupsychius, martyr, who under Adrian, emperor, being accused for a Christian, was cast into prison: and after a while being delivered, he forthwith sold his patrimony, and gave the price thereof partly to the poor, and partly to his accusers, as his great benefactors; but after this being apprehended again, under Sapritius, judge, torn in pieces, and thrust through with a sword, accomplished his martyrdom. At Pompeiople, in Cilicia, of S. Sozon, martyr, who under Maximian, emperor, being thrown into the fire, gave up the ghost. At Aquileia, of S. Anastasius, martyr. In the territory of Austum,* of S. Regina, virgin and martyr, who under Olybrius, proconsul, having endured imprisonment, the torture of *Equuleus,* and burning with torches, at last beheaded, went joyfully to her Spouse. At Trois,† of S. Nemorius, deacon, and his com-

* Augustodunum. † Trecæ.

panions, martyrs, who were slain by Attilas, king of the Huns. At Orleans, in France, the deposition of S. Evortius, bishop, who being first subdeacon of the Church of Rome, was afterwards, by a special favour of God, by a dove, designed bishop of that city. In France, of S. Augustalis, bishop and confessor. At Capua, of S. Pamphilus, bishop. In the territory of Paris, of S. Clodoald, priest and confessor.

F *The Eighth Day.*

The Nativity of the most Blessed and ever virgin Mary, the mother of God. At Nicomedia, of S. Adrian, martyr, with three-and-twenty others, who after many torments under Dioclesian and Maximian, emperors, by having their thighs broken, accomplished their martyrdom, upon the fourth day of March. Their relics were by the Christians transported to Constantinople, and there honourably buried; from whence the body of S. Adrian was afterwards upon this day translated to Rome, upon which his feast is chiefly kept. At Alexandria, of the holy martyrs Ammon, Theophilus, Neoterius, and two-and-twenty others. At Antioch, of the holy martyrs Timothy and Faustus. At Gaza in Palestine, of the holy martyrs Eusebius, Nestabus, and Zeno, brothers, who under Julian the Apostate, by a multitude of Pagans violently rushing upon them, were hewed in pieces and killed. There also, of S. Nestor,

martyr, who under the same Julian, being by the said furious Gentiles most cruelly tormented, gave up the ghost. At Frisinghen,* of S. Corbinian, the first bishop of that city, who, ordained by pope Gregory the Second, and sent to preach the Gospel, reaped a most plentiful harvest in France and Germany, and finally, renowned for his virtues and miracles, rested in peace.

G *The Ninth Day.*

At Nicomedia, the passion of the holy martyrs Dorotheus and Gorgonius, who having been advanced by Dioclesian the emperor to very great honours, were, for detesting his cruelty against the Christians, commanded to be first hanged up in his presence, and all torn with whips, then their skin to be pulled off, so as one might see their entrails, and rubbed over with salt and vinegar, to be broiled upon a gridiron, and last of all to be strangled. The body of S. Gorgonius was afterward brought to Rome, and buried in the way Latina, and thence translated unto S. Peter's church. Amongst the Sabins, thirty miles from Rome, of the holy martyrs Hyacinthus, Alexander, and Tiburtius. At Sebasta, of S. Severian, a soldier, under Licinius, emperor, who for often visiting the forty martyrs whilst they were in prison, by the command of Lysias, president, being hanged up with a great stone tied at his feet, and

* Frisinga.

cruelly beaten and torn with whips, amidst his torments gave up the ghost. The same day, the passion of S. Strato, who for Christ being tied to the boughs of two trees, and so, drawn in pieces, accomplished his martyrdom. Also of the holy martyrs Ruffinus and Ruffinian, brothers. At Rome, of S. Sergius, pope and confessor. In the territory of Tervane, of S. Omar,* bishop. In Scotland, of S. Queran, abbot.

A *The Tenth Day.*

At Tolentino, in Marc-Ancona,† the deposition of S. Nicolas, confessor, of the eremitical order of S. Augustin. In Africa, the birth-day of the holy bishops Nemesian, Felix, Lucius, and another Felix, Litteus, Polian, Victor, Jader, Dativus, and others: who in the furious persecution under Valerian and Gallienus, for their constant confessing of Christ, being first cruelly beaten with cudgels, then bound with fetters, and appointed to dig in the metal mines, accomplished the combat of their glorious confession. At Chalcedon, of the holy martyrs Sosthenes and Victor, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, under Priscus, proconsul of Asia, after they had overcome fetters and the beasts, were condemned to be burned; but they saluting each other with a holy kiss, whilst they prayed gave up the ghost. In Bithynia, of the holy virgins Menodora, Metrodora, and

* Audomarus. † Picenum.

Nymphodora, sisters, who under Maximian, emperor, and Fronto, president, crowned with martyrdom, went to eternal glory. Also of the holy martyrs Apellius, Lucas, and Clement. At Liege, in the Lower Germany, of S. Theodard, bishop and martyr, who gave his life for his flock, and after his death was renowned for miracles. At Rome, of Saint Hilary, pope and confessor. At Compostella, in Spain, of S. Peter, bishop, renowned for his many virtues and miracles. In the city of Albi,* of S. Salvius, bishop and confessor. At Novaria, of S. Agapius, bishop. At Constantinople, of S. Pulcheria, empress and virgin, renowned for her piety and devotion.

B *The Eleventh Day.*

At Rome, in the old way of Salaria, in the church-yard of Basilla, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Protus and Hyacinthus, eunuchs to blessed Eugenia, who under Gallienus, emperor, being discovered to be Christians, and refusing to sacrifice unto idols, were first sore whipped, and afterward beheaded. At Laodicea, in Syria, the passion of the Saints Diodore, Diomedes, and Didimus. At Leon,† in Spain, of S. Vincent, abbot and martyr. In Egypt, of S. Paphnutius, bishop, who was one of those confessors, which under Maximian, emperor, having their right eye pulled out, and maimed in the left leg, were condemned

* Albiga. † Legio.

to dig in the metal mines; and afterwards, under Constantine the Great valiantly defending the Catholic faith against the Arians, adorned with many crowns, rested in peace. At Lyons, the deposition of S. Patiens, bishop. At Versailles, of S. Emilian, bishop. At Alexandria, of S. Theodora, who having unadvisedly committed a fault, and becoming truly penitent for the same, in a religious weed continued unknown, in wonderful abstinence and patience, until her dying day.

C *The Twelfth Day.*

At Alexandria, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Hieronides, Leontius, Serapion, Selesius, Valerian, and Strato, who under Maximinus, emperor, were drowned in the sea for the confession of Christ. In Bithynia, of S. Antonomus, bishop and martyr, who declining the persecution of Dioclesian, came out of Italy thither, where having converted very many to the Christian faith, was by the furious Gentiles killed at the altar whilst he said mass, and so became a sacrifice of Christ. At Meri, in Phrygia, the passion of the holy martyrs Macedonius, Theodulus, and Tatian, who under Julian the Apostate, after other torments, by the command of Almachius, president, being laid upon a hot burning gridiron, joyfully accomplished their martyrdom. At Iconium, in Lycaonia, of S. Curonotus, bishop, who being beheaded under Perennius, president, received the palm of

martyrdom. At Pavia,* of Juventius, bishop, of whom mention is made upon the eighth day of February: who being sent by S. Hermagoras, disciple to S. Mark the evangelist, together with S. Syrus, unto that city, they both preached the Gospel there, and by their holy life and miracles, spread abroad the light thereof also to other cities near adjoining; and so, in episcopal dignity, they gloriously rested in peace. At Lyons, the deposition of S. Sacerdos, bishop. At Verona, of S. Silvin, bishop. At Anderlec,† of S. Guido, confessor.

D *The Thirteenth Day.*

At Alexandria, the birth-day of S. Philip, father to S. Eugenia, virgin, who resigning up the government of Egypt, obtained the grace of baptism; and was afterward, by the command of Terence, his successor in that office, as he was in prayer, run through the throat with a sword. Also of the holy martyrs Macrobius and Julian, who suffered under Licinius. The same day, of S. Ligorius, martyr, who living in the desert, was killed by the Gentiles for the faith of Christ. At Alexandria, of S. Eulogius, bishop, renowned for his learning and sanctity. At Angiers,‡ in France, of S. Maurilius, bishop, famous for innumerable miracles. At Sens,§ of S. Amatus, bishop and confessor. The same day, of S. Venerius, confes-

* Ticinum. † Anderlacum. ‡ Andegavum. § Senones.

sor, a man of wonderful holiness, who led an eremitical life in the island of Palmaria. In the monastery of Remiremont,* in France, of S. Amatus, priest and abbot, greatly renowned for the virtue of abstinence and gift of miracles.

E *The Fourteenth Day.*

THE Exaltation of the Holy Cross, when Heraclius, emperor, having overcome Cosroes, king, brought the same out of Persia back to Jerusalem. At Rome, in the way Appia, of S. Cornelius, pope and martyr, who in the persecution of Decius, after he had been banished, was commanded to be beaten with leaden whips, and after, with one-and-twenty others, men and women, beheaded. The same day also were beheaded Cerealis, a soldier, and Salustia, his wife, whom the same Cornelius had instructed in the faith. In Africa, the passion of S. Cyprian, bishop of Carthage, very famous for his sanctity and learning, who under the emperors Valerian and Gallienus, after a hard banishment, was beheaded six miles from Carthage, near to the sea, and so accomplished his martyrdom. There suffered also in the same place, the holy martyrs Crescentian, Victor, Rosula, and Generalis. At Rome, of S. Crescentius, a child, son to S. Euthymius, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, under Turpilius, judge, in the way Salaria, ended his life by the sword. At Trevers,

* Romaricum.

of S. Maternus, bishop, disciple to S. Peter the apostle, who converted to the faith of Christ the inhabitants of Tongres, Cullen, Trevers, and other people adjoining. Also the same day, the birth-day of S. John Chrysostom, bishop of Constantinople, who by a faction of his adversaries being sent into banishment, and recalled by a decree of pope Innocent the First, having suffered much from the soldiers that guarded him in the way homeward, gave up his soul to God. But his feast is kept the seven-and-twentieth of January, upon which day his holy body was, by Theodosius the Younger, translated unto Constantinople.

F *The Fifteenth Day.*

The octave of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. At Rome, in the way called Numentana, the birth-day of S. Nicomedes, priest and martyr, who for saying to those that would compel him to sacrifice, "I offer no sacrifice but to God Almighty, who reigns in heaven;' was a long time beaten with leaden whips, and so went unto our Lord. In the territory of Chaalons,* of S. Valerian, martyr, who by Priscus the president being hanged up, and torn with iron claws, and persisting immoveable in the confession of Christ, joyfully praising His holy name, was finally, by the said president's command, beheaded. At Marcianople, in Thra-

* Cabilo.

cia, of S. Melitina, martyr, who under Antoninus, emperor, and Antiochus, president, being drawn once or twice to the idolatrous temples of the Gentiles, and the idols still falling down at her presence, hanged up and cruelly torn, was at last beheaded. At Adrianople, of the holy martyrs Maximus, Theodore, and Asclepiodotus, who were crowned under the emperor Maximian. Also of S. Porphyry, a jester, who in presence of Julian the apostate, being on a time baptized in jest, was by the power of God suddenly changed, and professed himself a Christian; for which, being forthwith commanded by the same Julian to be beheaded, was crowned with martyrdom. The same day, of S. Nicetas, a Goth, who by king Athanaricus was commanded to be burned for the Catholic faith. At Cordova, of the holy martyrs Emilas, deacon, and Jeremy, who in the persecution of the Arabians, after long imprisonment beheaded, accomplished their martyrdom. At Toul,* in France, of S. Aprus, bishop. Also of S. Leobin, bishop of Chartres.† At Lyons, of S. Albin, bishop. The same day, the deposition of S. Aichard, abbot. In France, of S. Eutropia, widow.

G *The Sixteenth Day.*

At Chalcedon, the birth-day of S. Euphemia, virgin and martyr, who for the confession of

* Tullum. † Carnutum.

Christ, under Dioclesian, emperor, and Priscus proconsul, having overcome torments, imprisonment, stripes, wheels, fire, weight of stones, beasts, whips, sharp saws, and burning-hot frying-pans, being again brought into the theatre, and exposed to the beasts, after she had prayed to our Lord that he would please to receive her soul, one of the beasts fastening upon her holy body, and the rest licking her feet, gave up her unspotted soul to God. At Rome, of the holy martyrs Lucia, a noblewoman, and Geminian, who under Dioclesian, emperor, after they had been sore afflicted with grievous pains and long torments, at length beheaded, obtained the renowned victory of martyrdom. Also at Rome, in the way Flaminia, of the holy martyrs Abundius, priest, and Abundantius, deacon, who under the same Dioclesian, together with Marcian, a nobleman, and John his son, whom by their prayers they had raised from death, were carried ten miles from the city, and beheaded. At Heraclea, in Thracia, of S. Sebastiana, martyr, who, converted to the faith of Christ by S. Paul the apostle, under Domitian, emperor, and Sergius, president, having been divers ways tormented, was finally beheaded. At Cordova, of the holy martyrs Rogell and Servi-Deus, who having their hands and feet cut off, were at last beheaded. In Scotland, of S. Ninia, bishop and confessor. In England, of S. Editha, virgin, daughter to king Edgar, who being consecrated to God in a monastery from her tender years, was rather ignorant of the world, then forsook it.

A *The Seventeenth Day.*

At Rome, in the way Tiburtina, the birth-day of S. Justin, priest and martyr, who in the persecution of Valerian and Gallienus, renowned for his glorious confession of the faith, having buried the bodies S. Xystus, pope, S. Laurence, Hippolytus, and of many other saints, at last under Claudius accomplished his martyrdom. Also at Rome, of the holy martyrs Narcissus and Crescentio. In Phrygia, of S. Ariadna, martyr, under Adrian, emperor. In England,* of the holy martyrs Socrates and Stephen. At Nevers,† of the holy martyrs Valerian, Macrinus, and Gordian. At Austum, of S. Flocellus, a boy, who having suffered much under Antoninus, emperor, and Valerian, governor, at last, torn in pieces by wild beasts, obtained the crown of martyrdom. At Liege, of S. Lambert, bishop of Maestricht, who out of zeal reprehending certain abuses in the king's court, was for that cause slain by certain wicked men, and so entered into the court of heaven, there to live for ever. The same day, of S. Agathoclia, maid-servant to an infidel woman, who being by her cruelly whipped a long time, and otherwise afflicted to make her deny Christ, at length she was presented to the judge, and more cruelly slashed with knives, but persevering still in the confession of her faith, having her tongue cut out, she was cast into the fire. At Cordova, of S.

* Britannia. † Noviodunum.

Columba, virgin and martyr. At Milan, the deposition of S. Satyrus, confessor, whose renowned acts are recounted by his brother S. Ambrose. At Rome, of S. Theodora, matron, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, diligently served the holy martyrs. At Binghen, in the diocese of Mentz, of S. Hildegardes, virgin. The same day, the commemoration of the holy marks imprinted by the wonderful favour of God, in the hands, feet, and side of S. Francis, founder of the order of the Minorites, which happened in the mountain of Alverne in Tuscany.

B *The Eighteenth Day.*

The birth-day of S. Methodius, bishop of Olympia in Lycia first, and after of Tyrus, renowned for eloquence and learning: who in the end of the last persecution, as S. Jerom writes, at Chalcis in Greece was crowned with martyrdom. In the territory of Vienne, of S. Ferreolus, martyr, who having the authority of a tribune, was by the command of Crispin, the wicked president, first apprehended and cruelly whipped, then loaded with a great weight of chains, thrust into a filthy prison, out of which, his bands being miraculously loosed, and the doors opened, he escaped; but being taken again by those that pursued him, by loss of his head he received the palm of martyrdom. Also of the holy martyrs Sophia and Irenes. At Milan, of S. Eustorgius, the first bishop of that

city, much commended by S. Ambrose. At Gortina, in Candia, of S. Eumenus, bishop and confessor.

C *The Nineteenth Day.*

At Puzzoli,* in Campania, of the holy martyrs Januarius, bishop of Benevento, Festus, his deacon, and Desiderius, lector, together with Sosius, deacon of the Church of Misenas, Proculus, deacon of Puzzoli, Eutyches, and Acutius, who after chains and imprisonment, were beheaded under Dioclesian, emperor. The body of S. Januarius was brought to Naples, and there honourably interred in the church, where his holy blood is kept in a vial of glass, even until this day; which being set near to his head, waxeth liquid, and bubbles up, as though it were fresh. At Nocera,† the birthday of the holy martyrs Felix and Constantia, who suffered under Nero. In Palestine, of the holy martyrs Peleus, Nilus, and Elias, bishops of Egypt, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, with many others of the clergy, were burned for Christ. The same day, of the holy martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius, and Dorimedon, a senator, under Probus, emperor; of whom Sabbatius, by the command of Atticus, president, was so long whipped at Antioch, until he gave up the ghost: but Trophimus, being sent to the president Perennius at Synnada, after many torments, together with

* Puteoli † Nuceria.

Dorimedon being beheaded, accomplished his martyrdom. At Cordova, in the persecution of the Arabians, of S. Pomposa, virgin and martyr. At Canterbury, in England, of S. Theodore, bishop, who being sent thither by Vitalian, pope, was renowned for his learning and sanctity. At Tours,* of S. Eustochius, bishop, a man of great virtue. In the territory of Langres,† of S. Sequan, priest and confessor.

D *The Twentieth Day.*

The vigil of S. Matthew, apostle and evangelist. At Rome, the passion of the holy martyrs Eustachius, and Theopistes, his wife, with their two sons Agapius and Theopistus, who under Adrian, emperor, being condemned to the beasts, but by the power of God not touched by them, were shut up in a fiery brazen ox, and so accomplished their martyrdom. At Cyzicus, in Propontis, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Fausta, virgin, and Evilasius, under Maximian, emperor, of whom Fausta was made bald, and shamefully shaved, hanged up and tortured by the same Evilasius, at that time an idolatrous priest, who when he would have cut her in two, and the executioners could not hurt her, being thereat astonished, believed in Christ; and whilst by the command of the emperor he was cruelly tortured, Fausta being bored through the head, and her whole body stuck

* Turones. † Lingonæ.

with sharp nails, and put into a hot burning pan, called by a voice from heaven, together with the said Evilasius, went unto our Lord. In Phrygia, of the holy martyrs Denys and Prinatus. Also of S. Priscus, martyr, who after he had been pricked all over his body with sharp-pointed daggers, was beheaded. At Pergen, in Pamphylia, of the Saints Theodore, and Philippa, his mother, and their fellow martyrs, under Antoninus, emperor. At Carthage, of S. Candida, virgin and martyr, who under Maximian, emperor, having her body all torn with whips, was crowned a martyr. Also of the holy martyrs Susanna, daughter to Arthemius, an idolatrous priest, and also of Martha. The same day, of S. Agapitus, pope, whose holiness is commemorated by S. Gregory the Great. At Milan, of S. Clicerius, bishop and confessor

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E *The One-and-Twentieth Day.*

The birth-day of S. Matthew, apostle and evangelist, who preaching in Ethiopia, was martyred. The Gospel written by him in Hebrew, was by his own revelation found, together with the body of S. Barnaby, apostle, in the time of Zeno, emperor. In the land of Saar, of S. Jonas, prophet, who was buried in Geth. At Rome, of S. Pamphilus, martyr. There also, in the way called Claudia, twenty miles from the city, the passion of S. Alexander, bishop, who under Antoninus, emperor, for the faith of Christ having overcome fetters, cud-

gels, the torture *Equuleus*, burning with torches, tearing with iron hooks, beasts, and the fiery furnace, at last beheaded, obtained a glorious crown. His body was afterward translated into the city, by S. Damasus, pope, upon the six-and-twentieth day of November, on which day he ordained that his feast should be kept. In Phœnicia, of S. Eusebius, martyr, who going of his own accord to the governor, and professing himself a Christian, after many torments was beheaded. In Cyprus, of S. Isacius, bishop and martyr. There also, of S. Meletius, bishop and confessor. In Ethiopia, of S. Iphigenia, virgin, who, baptized and consecrated to God by S. Matthew the apostle, made a holy end.

F *The Two-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Sitten,* in Switzerland, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Maurice, Exuperius, Candidus, Victor, Innocent, and Vitalis, with their companions of the Theban Legion, who being killed for Christ under Maximian, illustrated the world with their glorious martyrdom. At Rome, the passion of the holy virgins and martyrs, Digna and Emerita, under Valerian and Gallienus, whose relics are kept in the church of S. Marcellus. In the territory of Chartres, of S. Jonas, priest and martyr, who coming into France with S. Denys, by the command of Julian, governor, having been cruelly

* Sedunum.

whipped, accomplished his martyrdom by the sword. At Ratisbon, in Bavaria, of S. Emeram, bishop and martyr, who to free others, for Christ's cause patiently endured a most cruel death. At Antinoople, in Egypt, of S. Irais, a virgin of Alexandria, with her fellow-martyrs, who going forth of the city to draw water at a fountain, and seeing a ship laden with confessors of Christ pass by, leaving her bucket, forthwith joined herself unto them; and being brought with them to Antinoople, first of all, after many torments was beheaded; and after her the priests, deacons, virgins, and all the rest died the same death. At Meaux,* of S. Sanctin, bishop, disciple to S. Denys the Areopagite, who being by him ordained bishop of that city, first preached the Gospel there. In the territory of Constance, of S. Lauton, bishop. At Poitiers,† of S. Florentius, priest. In the territory of Bourges, of S. Sylvan, confessor. At Laon,‡ of S. Salaberga, abbess.

G *The Three-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Rome, of S. Linus, pope and martyr, who governed the Church of Rome next after S. Peter the apostle; and, crowned with martyrdom, was buried in the Vatican, near to the same apostle. At Iconium, in Lycaonia, of S. Thecla, virgin and martyr, who, converted to the faith by S. Paul the apostle, under Nero, emperor, having for the con-

* Melda. † Pictavium. ‡ Laudunum.

fession of Christ, and instruction of many, overcome the fire, beasts, and many other torments, coming to Seleucia, there finally rested in peace; whom the holy Fathers, in their writings, have highly extolled. In Campania, the commemoration of S. Sosius, deacon of the Church of Mesenas, from whose head the holy bishop Januarius seeing a fiery flame to ascend whilst he read the Gospel, foretold he should be a martyr; and not many days after, at the age of thirty years, together with the said bishop, he suffered martyrdom by being beheaded. In Africa, of the holy martyrs Andrew, John, Peter, and Antony. In the territory of Constance, of S. Paternus, bishop and martyr. At Ancona, of S. Constantius, mansionary of the Church, renowned for miracles. In Spain, of the holy women Xantippa and Polyxena, disciples of the apostles.

A *The Four-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Austum,* the birth-day of the holy martyrs Andochius, priest, Thyrsus, deacon, and Felix, who being sent into France by S. Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, out of the East to preach the Gospel, after they had been sore whipped, and hanged up a whole day together by the hands, cast also into the fire, but not burnt, at length, having their necks broken with bars, ended their martyrdom.

* Augustodunum.

In Egypt, the passion of S. Paphnutius, and his companions, martyrs; who living a solitary life in the wilderness, and hearing that many Christians were imprisoned, moved by the Spirit of God, voluntarily offered himself to the governor, professing the same Christian faith, by whom being first bound in iron chains, and long tortured upon the rack *Equuleus*, was finally, with many others, sent to Dioclesian the emperor, and by his command was nailed to a palm tree, and the rest killed with a sword. At Chalcedon, of forty-nine holy martyrs, who after the passion of S. Euphemia, under Dioclesian, emperor, being condemned to the beasts, and miraculously delivered from them, at last beheaded, went to our Lord. In Hungary,* of S. Gerard, bishop and martyr, called the apostle of the Hungarians, a nobleman of Venice, who first of all illustrated his country with an honourable martyrdom. At Auvergne, the deposition of S. Rusticus, bishop and confessor. In the territory of Beauvais,† of S. Geremar, abbot. At San-Severino, the birth-day of S. Pacificus.

B *The Five-and-Twentieth Day.*

In the castle of Emmaus, the birth-day of S. Cleophas, disciple of our Lord, who by tradition is said to have been killed by the Jews for the confession of Christ, in the same house in which he had entertained him, and was there honourably

* Pannonia. † Belovacum.

buried. At Rome, of S. Herculan, a soldier and martyr, who converted to Christ by the miracles which he saw at the martyrdom of S. Alexander, bishop, after many torments under Antoninus, emperor, died by the sword. At Amiens, in France, of S. Firmin, bishop, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, under Rictionarus, president, after divers torments was beheaded, and so obtained the crown of martyrdom. At Damasco, of the holy martyrs Paul, and Tatta his wife, Sabinian, Maximus, Rufus, and Eugenius, their children: who being accused to be Christians, cruelly whipped, and otherwise tormented, gave up their souls to God. In Asia, the passion of the Saints Bardomian, Eucarpus, and twenty-six others, martyrs. The same day, of S. Anathalon, bishop, who being disciple to S. Barnaby the apostle, succeeded him in the bishopric of Milan. At Lyons, the deposition of S. Lupus, who of an anchoret was ordained bishop. At Auxerre,* of S. Anacharius, bishop and confessor. At Blois,† of S. Solemnius, bishop of Chartres, renowned for miracles. The same day, of S. Principius, bishop of Soissons, brother to S. Remigius, bishop. At Anagnia, of the holy virgins Aurelia and Neomisia.

* Antisiodorum. † Blesæ.

C *The Six-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Nicomedia, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Cyprian, and Justina, virgin, who under Dioclesian, emperor, and Eutholmius, president, having endured many torments for Christ, and converted Cyprian to the faith, who before was a magician, and had by his magical practices attempted to bewitch her, was finally martyred with him. Their bodies being cast out to the beasts, were taken away in the night by certain Christian mariners, and brought to Rome, afterwards were honourably placed in the church of Constantine, near unto the font. At Rome, of S. Callistratus, martyr, and forty-nine others, soldiers, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, by seeing Callistratus sewed up in a sack, and cast into the sea, to have by the power of God escaped drowning, were converted unto Christ, and together with him endured martyrdom. Also at Rome, of S. Eusebius, pope. At Bolonia, of S. Eusebius, bishop and confessor. At Brescia,* of S. Vigilius, bishop. At Albano, of S. Senator. In the territory of Frescati,† of S. Nilus, abbot, founder of the monastery of Cripta-Ferrata, a man of great holiness. At Citta di Castello,‡ of S. Amantius, priest, famous for the gift of miracles.

* Brixia. † Tusculum. ‡ Tiphernum.

D *The Seven-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Ægæa, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Cosmas and Damian, brothers, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, after many torments, fetters, prisons, sea, fire, crosses, stoning, and arrows, overcome by them, were beheaded; with whom are said to have suffered three of their brothers, Anthimus, Leontius, and Euprepius. At Rome, of S. Epicharis, a senator's wife, who in the same persecution, after she had been beaten with leaden whips, was beheaded. At Todi,* of the holy martyrs Fidentius and Terence, under the same Dioclesian. At Cordova, of the holy martyrs Adulph and John, brothers, who in the persecution of the Arabians were crowned for Christ. At Sitten,† in France, of S. Florentin, martyr, who, together with S. Hilary, after he had his tongue cut out, died by the sword. At Byblus, in Phœnicia, of S. Mark, bishop, who is called also John by S. Luke. At Milan, of S. Caius, bishop, disciple to S. Barnaby the apostle, who having suffered much in the persecution of Nero, went to rest in peace. At Ravenna, of S. Aderitus, bishop and confessor. At Paris, of S. Eleazar, earl. In Hennault,‡ of S. Hiltrude, virgin.

E *The Eight-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Rome, of S. Privatus, martyr, who being full of ulcers, and healed by S. Callistus, pope, was

* Tudertum. † Sedunum. ‡ Hannonia.

after, under Alexander, emperor, beaten with leaden whips for the faith of Christ, until he gave up the ghost. There also, of S. Stacteus, martyr. In Africa, of the holy martyrs Martial, Laurence, and twenty others. At Antioch, in Pisidia, of the holy martyrs Mark, a shepherd, Alphius, Alexander, and Zosimus, his brothers; also of Nicon, Neon, Heliodore, and thirty soldiers, who believing in Christ through the miracles wrought by the aforesaid Mark, were in sundry places, and different manners, crowned martyrs. The same day, the passion of S. Maximus, under Decius, emperor. In Bohemia, of S. Wenceslaus, duke of the Bohemians, and martyr, renowned for his sanctity and miracles, who, killed in his brother's house, went triumphantly to heaven. At Tolosa, of S. Exuperius, bishop and confessor, who how sparing he was in regard of himself, and how liberal towards others, S. Jerom has left a memorable testimony. At Genua, of S. Salomon, bishop and confessor. At Brescia, of S. Silvin, bishop. The same day, of S. Eustochium, virgin, daughter to blessed Paula, who being brought up at the manger of our Lord with other virgins, renowned for merits, went to her spouse. In Germany, of S. Lioba, virgin, famous for miracles.

F *The Nine-and-Twentieth Day.*

In the mount Garganus, the famous memory of S. Michael, archangel, at what time a church was

there consecrated in his name; mean in respect of the exterior form, but endowed with a celestial virtue. In Thracia, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Eutychius, Plautus, and Heraclea. In Persia, of S. Gudelia, martyr, who having converted very many to the faith of Christ, and refusing to adore the sun and the fire, under Sapor, king, after many torments, the skin being plucked off her head, and she nailed to a post, deserved a triumphant crown. There also, of the holy martyrs Dadas, kinsman to king Sapor, Casdoa, his wife, and Gabdelas, his son, who, spoiled of their honours and dignity, and put to divers torments, after long imprisonment, were beheaded. In Armenia, of the holy virgins Ripsimes, and her fellow-martyrs, under king Tiridates. At Auxerre, of S. Fraternus, bishop and martyr. At Pontecurvo, near to Aquino, of S. Grimoald, priest and confessor. In Palestine, of S. Quiriacus, anchoret.

G *The Thirtieth Day.*

In Bethlehem-Juda, the deposition of S. Jerom, priest, and doctor of the Church, who, excelling in all kind of learning, and a diligent imitator of the most approved monks, having with the sword of his doctrine slain many monsters of heresies, at length, in a very old age, went to rest in peace, and was buried at the manger of our Lord: whose body being afterwards brought to Rome, was hon-

ourably placed in the church of S. Mary Major. The same day, of S. Leopard, martyr, one of Julian the Apostate's retinue, who being beheaded at Rome, his body was afterward translated to Aquisgrane. At Solothurne,* in France, the passion of the holy martyrs Victor and Ursus, two of the renowned Theban Legion, who first under Maximian, emperor, having been cruelly tormented, were, through a bright light shining from heaven, and the executioners falling to the ground, delivered: afterwards cast into the fire, but without any hurt, were finally beheaded. At Placentia, of S. Antoninus, martyr, one also of the same Legion. The same day, of S. Gregory, bishop of Great Armenia, who having suffered much under Dioclesian, at last went to rest in peace. At Canterbury, in England, of S. Honorius, bishop and confessor. At Rome, of S. Sophia, widow, mother to the holy virgins Faith, Hope, and Charity.

October.

A *The First Day.*

At Rheims, in France, of S. Remigius, bishop and confessor, who converted the Frenchmen to Christ, and baptized and instructed in the faith Clodoveus, their king; and when he had been bishop for many years, renowned for holiness and

* Solodorum.

miracles, departed this life upon the thirteenth day of January, but his feast is kept on this day, when his holy body was afterwards translated. At Rome, of S. Aretas, martyr, and of five hundred and four others. At Tomis, in Pontus, of the holy martyrs, Priscus, Crescens, and Evagrius. At Lisbon,* in Portugal, of the holy martyrs Verissimus, and Maxima and Julia, his sisters, who suffered in the persecution of Dioclesian. At Tournay, of S. Piato, priest and martyr, who came from Rome into France with S. Quinctin and his companions, to preach the faith of Christ, and afterwards, in the persecution of Maximian, having accomplished his martyrdom, went to our Lord. At Thessalonica, of S. Dominus, martyr, under the same Maximian. At Gant, of S. Bavo, confessor. At Orvieto,† of S. Severus, priest and confessor.

B *The Second Day.*

At Nicomedia, of S. Eleutherius, a soldier and martyr, with innumerable others, who being falsely accused for setting on fire the palace of Dioclesian, were by the command of that most cruel emperor, confusedly killed; of whom, some were beheaded, others burned in the fire, and others cast into the sea; but the chiefest of them, Eleutherius, being long tortured, and after every torment found more courageous than before,

* Ulissipo. † Urbs Vetus.

finally, as gold tried by the fire, accomplished his victorious martyrdom. In the territory of Arras,* the passion of S. Leodegarius, bishop of Austum,† whom Ebroinus, high steward to king Theodoricus, killed, after he had been diversly injured and tormented for the truth. There also, of S. Gerin, martyr, brother to the said S. Leodegarius, who was stoned to death in the same place. At Antioch, of the holy martyrs Primus, Cyril, and Secundarius. At Constantinople, of S. Theophilus, monk, who, cruelly beaten by Leo Isauricus, for defending holy images, and cast into banishment, went to our Lord. At Hereford, in England, of S. Thomas, bishop and confessor.

C *The Third Day.*

At Rome, in the place called Ursus Pileatus, of S. Candidus, martyr. The same day, of the holy martyrs Denis, Faustus, Caius, Peter, Paul, and four others, who, first under Decius, having endured great persecution, at last, under Valerian, tormented a long time by Æmilian, president, received the palm of martyrdom. Amongst the old Saxons, the passion of two holy martyrs of the same name, called Ewaldi, priests, who, preaching there the gospel of Christ, were apprehended and killed by the pagans; over whose bodies appeared a great light in the night, showing

* Atrebatum † Augustodunum.

where they were, and of what merit and favour they were with God. In Africa, of S. Maximian, bishop of Bagaia, who being often and sorely vexed by the Donatists, at last thrown down headlong from a high tower, and left for dead, renowned for his glorious confession, went afterwards to rest in our Lord. In Palestine, of S. Hesychius, confessor, disciple to S. Hilarion, and his companion in his travels. In the Lower Germany, in the diocese of Namures,* of S. Gerard, abbot.

D *The Fourth Day.*

At Assisi,† in Umbria, the birth-day of S. Francis, confessor, founder of the order of the Minorites, whose life, replenished with sanctity and miracles, is left written by S. Bonaventure. At Corinth, the birth-day of the Saints Crispus and Caius, of whom S. Paul the apostle makes mention, writing to the Corinthians. In Egypt, of the holy martyrs Mark and Marcian, brothers, and of almost innumerable others, of both sexes, and all ages; of whom, some after whipping, others after horrible torments of divers kinds, being cast into the fire, others thrown headlong into the sea, some beheaded, very many starved, some nailed to gibbets, and others hanged up by the feet with their heads downward, deserved the most happy crown of martyrdom. At Damasco,

* Namurcum. † Assisium.

of S. Peter, bishop and martyr, who being accused to the prince of the Saracens for preaching the faith of Christ, having his tongue, hands, and feet cut off, nailed to a cross, accomplished his martyrdom. At Alexandria, of the holy priests and deacons Caius, Faustus, Eusebius, Chæremon, Lucius, and their companions, of whom some were martyred in the persecution of Valerian, others, by serving the martyrs, received the reward of martyrs. At Athens, of S. Hierotheus, disciple to S. Paul the apostle. At Bolonia, of S. Petronius, bishop and confessor, famous for learning, miracles, and holiness. At Paris, of S. Aurea, virgin.

E *The Fifth Day.*

At Messina, in Sicily, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Placidus, monk, disciple to S. Benet, and his two brothers, Eutychius and Victorinus, and Flavia, a virgin, their sister; also of Donatus and Firmatus, deacon, Faustus, and thirty other monks, who were killed for the faith of Christ by Manuchas the pirate. The same day, the birth-day of S. Thraseas, bishop of Eumenia, who was martyred at Smyrna. At Trevers, of the holy martyrs Palmatius and his companions, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, under Rictiovarus, president, suffered martyrdom. The same day, the passion of S. Charitina, virgin, who under

Dioclesian, emperor, and Domitius, who had been consul, tortured by fire, and cast into the sea, but by the power of God receiving no hurt, having her hands and feet cut off, and her teeth beaten out, gave up her soul in prayer. At Auxerre, the deposition of the saints Firmatus, deacon, and Flaviana, virgin, his sister. At Ravenna, of S. Marcellinus, bishop and confessor. At Valence, in France, of S. Apollinaris, bishop, whose life was renowned for virtues, and death honoured with prodigies and miracles. The same day, of S. Attilan, bishop of Zamora, who was canonized for a saint by Pope Urban II. At Rome, of S. Galla, widow, daughter to Symmachus the consul, who, after the death of her husband, persevered many years at S. Peter's church in prayer, alms, fasting, and other good works, whose most happy departure S. Gregory, pope, has left written.

F *The Sixth Day.*

In Calabria, of S. Bruno, confessor, founder of the order of Carthusians. At Laodicea, of S. Sagares, bishop and martyr, an ancient disciple of S. Paul the apostle. At Capua, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Marcellus, Castus, Æmilius, and Saturninus. At Agen,* in France, the birth-day of S. Faith, virgin and martyr, by whose example blessed Caprasius, encouraged to martyrdom, happily accomplished his agony. Also of S.

* Agennum.

Erotis, martyr, who, inflamed with the love of Christ, overcame the heat of the fire into which she was cast. At Trevers, the commemoration of almost innumerable holy martyrs, who, in the persecution of Dioclesian, under Rictiovarus, president, by divers kinds of death were killed. At Auxerre, of S. Romanus, bishop and martyr. At Uderzo,* of S. Magnus, bishop, whose body lies buried at Venice.

G *The Seventh Day.*

At Rome, in the way Ardeatina, the deposition of S. Mark, pope and confessor. In the province of Augusta Euphratesia, of the holy martyrs Sergius and Bacchus, noble Romans, under Maximian, emperor, of whom Bacchus was so long beaten with raw sinews, until his whole body being rent and torn, confessing Christ, he gave up the ghost; but Sergius, being forced to wear shoes stuck full of sharp nails, remaining constant in his faith, was finally beheaded. His body is kept at a place called of his name Sergiople, and honoured with frequent concourse of Christians, for the famous miracles wrought thereat. At Rome, of the holy martyrs Marcellus and Apulejus, who were first disciples of Simon Magus, but seeing the wonders which God wrought by the apostle S. Peter, forsaking Simon they em-

* Opitergium.

braced the apostolical doctrine, and, after the death of the apostles, under Aurelian, who had been consul, obtained the crown of martyrdom, and were buried near to the city. Also, at Augusta Euphratesia, of S. Julia, virgin, who under Marcian, president, accomplished her martyrdom. At Padua,* of S. Justina, virgin and martyr, who, baptized by S. Prosdocimus, disciple to S. Peter, and persisting constant in the faith of Christ, by the command of Maximus, president, thrust through with a sword, went to our Lord. At Bourges,† of S. Augustus, priest and confessor. In the territory of Rheims, of S. Helan, priest. The same day, the commemoration of Sancta Maria de Victoria, ordained by Pope Pius V. every year to be observed, in memory of a famous victory obtained this day at sea, by the Christians, against the Turks, through the help of the same Mother of God; and Pope Gregory XIII. ordained likewise the annual solemnity of the Rosary of the same most Blessed Virgin, to be kept upon the first Sunday of this month, for the same cause.

A *The Eighth Day.*

Of S. Brigit, widow, who after many pilgrimages made by her to holy places, filled with the Holy Ghost, died at Rome, upon the three-and-

* Patavium. † Bituricæ.

twentieth of July; but her body was, as upon yesterday, translated into Sweden. The same day, the birth-day of blessed old Simeon, who in the gospel is read to have taken our Lord Jesus in his arms. At Cæsarea, in Palestine, the passion of S. Reparata, virgin and martyr, who, for refusing to sacrifice to idols, being put to divers torments under Decius the emperor, was finally beheaded; whose soul was seen to go out of her body, and ascend up to heaven in the form of a dove. At Thessalonica, of S. Demetrius, proconsul, who, after he had brought many to the faith of Christ, by the command of Maximian, emperor, being thrust through the body with lances, accomplished his martyrdom. There also, of S. Nestor, martyr. At Seville,* in Spain, of S. Peter, martyr. At Laodicea, of S. Artemon, priest, who under Dioclesian received the crown of martyrdom by fire. In the territory of Lyons, of S. Benedicta, virgin and martyr. At Ancona, of the Saints Palatias and Laurentia, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, under Dion, president, being sent into banishment, worn out with labours and miseries, went unto our Lord. At Rouen, of S. Evodius, bishop and confessor. At Jerusalem, of S. Pelagia, surnamed the penitent.

* Hispalis.

B *The Ninth Day.*

At Paris, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Denis, the Areopagite bishop, Rusticus, priest, and Eleutherius, deacon; of whom, S. Denis, being baptized by S. Paul the apostle, and ordained the first bishop of Athens, going after to Rome, was sent thence into France, by S. Clement, pope, to preach the Gospel; and coming to Paris, when he had for some years faithfully fulfilled the office committed to his charge, at last, together with his foresaid companions, after most grievous torments, by the governor Fescenninus being beheaded, accomplished his martyrdom. The same day, the commemoration of S. Abraham, patriarch, and father of all faithful believers. At Julia, in the territory of Parma, in the way called Claudia, of S. Domninus, martyr, under Maximian, emperor, who, whilst he would have declined the fury of the persecution, thrust through with a sword by those that pursued him, made a glorious end. At Cassino, of S. Deus-Dedit, abbot, who, being cast into prison by Sicardus the tyrant, there consumed with hunger and other miseries, rested in peace. In Hennault, * of S. Gislen, bishop and confessor, who, resigning up his bishoprick, and leading a monastical life in a monastery which himself had built, was famous for many virtues. At Jerusalem, of the saints Andronicus, and Athanasia his wife. At Antioch, of S. Publia,

*Hannonia.

abbess, who singing together with her religious that verse of the psalm, *The idols of the Gentiles are silver and gold,* and, *Let them that make them become like unto them,* as Julian the Apostate passed by, was by his command sorely buffeted, and sharply checked.

C *The Tenth Day.*

In the island of Candia,* of S. Pinytus, the most noble amongst the bishops. He being bishop of Cnosia, flourished under Marcus Antoninus Verus, and Lucius Aurelius Commodus, leaving behind him in his writings, as it were in a glass, the lively image of himself. At Cullen, of S. Gereon, martyr, with three hundred and eighteen others, who, in the persecution of Maximian, patiently submitted their necks to the sword for the true religion. In the territory of the same city, of the saints Victor and his companions, martyrs. At Bonna, in Germany, of the holy martyrs Cassius and Florentius, with very many others. At Nicomedia, of the holy martyrs Eulampius, and Eulampia, a virgin, his sister, who, hearing that her brother was tortured for Christ, pressing into the midst of the people, and embracing him, joined herself unto his company; and, being both cast into a cauldron of boiling oil, but by the power of God being nothing hurt

* Creta.

thereby, were, together with two hundred others, who, moved by that miracle, believed in Christ, beheaded, and so accomplished their martyrdom. At York, in England, of S. Paulinus, bishop, disciple to S. Gregory, pope, who, being by him sent thither, with others, to preach the gospel, converted king Edwin and his people to the faith of Christ. At Piombino,* in Tuscany, of S. Cerbonius, bishop and confessor, who, as S. Gregory writes, was renowned for miracles, both alive and dead. At Verona also, of another S. Cerbonius, bishop. At Capua, of S. Paulinus, bishop. At Rome, the birth-day of S. Francis Borgia, confessor, general of the Society of Jesus.

D *The Eleventh Day.*

At Tharsus, in Cilicia, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Tharacus, Probus, and Andronicus, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, enduring a long and miserable imprisonment, and thrice diversly tormented, at last beheaded for the confession of Christ, obtained a triumphant crown. In the territory of Vilcassine, the passion of the holy martyrs Nicasius, bishop of Rouen, Quirinus, priest, Scubiculus, deacon, and Pientia, virgin, under the president Fescenninus. Also the passion of the Saints Anastasius, priest, Placidus, Genesius, and their companions. In Thebais, of S. Sarmatas,

* Populonium.

disciple to S. Antony, abbot, who was killed for Christ by the Saracens. At Besancon,* in France, of S. German, bishop and martyr. At Uzecia, in the part of France called Narbonoise, of S. Firmin, bishop and confessor. In Scotland, of S. Canick, abbot. At Lyre, in the Lower Germany, the deposition of S. Gummar, confessor. At Renes,† in France, of S. Æmilian, confessor. At Tharsus, in Cilicia, of the holy women Zenais and Philonilla, sisters, who being kinswomen to S. Paul the apostle, were also his disciples in faith. At Verona, of S. Placidia, virgin.

E *The Twelfth Day.*

At Rome, of the holy martyrs Evagrius, Priscian, and their companions. At Ravenna, in the way Lauretina, the birth-day of S. Edistius, martyr. In Lycia, of S. Domnina, martyr, under Dioclesian, emperor. In Africa, of four thousand nine hundred threescore and six holy confessors and martyrs, in the persecution of the Vandals, under Hunnericus, the Arian king; of whom some being bishops, some priests, and others deacons, with great troops of faithful people joining themselves unto them, they were banished into a vast wilderness for defence of the Catholic verity; who, whilst they were in a barbarous manner led thither by the Moors, many being forced forward

*Vesontio. †Rhedones.

with sharp points of spears, and beaten with stones, others tied by the feet, and as if they had been dead carcases, drawn through hard and craggy places, their bodies being rent in pieces, at last by divers cruel torments, they obtained a glorious martyrdom. The chief of these were the priests of our Lord, Felix and Cyprian, bishops. At Celena, in Pannonia, of S. Maximilian, bishop of Laureacum.* At York, in England, of S. Wilfrid, bishop and confessor. At Milan, of S. Monas confessor, who was chosen bishop of that church by a miraculous light from heaven that environed him, whilst they were in consultation who should be ordained. At Verona, of S. Salvin, bishop. In Syria, of S. Eustachius, priest and confessor.

F *The Thirteenth Day.*

At Troas, in the lesser Asia, of S. Carpus, disciple to S. Paul the apostle. At Cordova, in Spain, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Faustus, Januarius, and Martial, who being first tormented upon the rack *Equuleus*, and after having their eye-lids shaven, their teeth plucked out, their ears and noses cut off, by fire accomplished their martyrdom. At Thessalonica, of S. Florentius, martyr, who after divers torments was burned. In Austria, of S. Colmannus, martyr. At Ceuta,† in the part of Mauritannia called Tingitana, the

* Now called Ens. † Septa.

passion of seven holy martyrs, of the order of S. Francis, Daniel, Samuel, Angelus, Domnus, Leo, Nicolas, and Hugolin, who for preaching the Gospel of Christ, and confuting the sect of Mahomet, after they had suffered reproaches, imprisonment, and torments, by the Saracens, at last beheaded, obtained the palm of martyrdom. At Antioch, of S. Theophilus, bishop, the sixth in that see after S. Peter the apostle. At Tours,* of S. Venant, abbot and confessor. At Subiaco,† in Italy, of S. Chelidonia, virgin.

G *The Fourteenth Day.*

At Rome, in the way called Aurelia, the birthday of S. Callistus, pope and martyr, who by the command of Alexander, emperor, being long starved with hunger in prison, and every day beaten with cudgels, at last thrown headlong out of the window of a house in which he was kept into a well, and drowned, deserved the triumph of his victory. At Cæsarea in Palestine, of S. Fortunata, virgin and martyr, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, after she had overcome the torture *Equuleus,* fire, beasts, and other torments, gave up her soul to God; whose body was afterward translated to Naples, in Campania. Also of the Saints Carponius, Evaristus, and Priscian, brothers to the same blessed Fortunata, who having their throats cut, received in like manner the

* Turones. † Sublacum.

crown of martyrdom. Also of the Saints Saturninus and Lupus. At Rimini,* of S. Gaudentius, bishop and martyr. At Todi,† of S. Fortunatus, bishop, who, as St. Gregory writes, had a great gift of casting out devils. At Wirtzburge,‡ of S. Burchard, the first bishop of that city. At Bruges, in Flanders, of S. Donatian, bishop of Rheims. At Trevers, of S. Rusticus, bishop. The same day, the deposition of S. Dominick, surnamed Loricatus. In Italy, of S. Bernard, confessor.

A *The Fifteenth Day.*

At Alba, of S. Teresa, virgin mother and mistress of the brothers and sisters of the order of Carmelites, of more strict observance. At Rome, in the way called Aurelia, of S. Fortunatus, martyr. At Cullen, the birth-day of three hundred holy martyrs, who in the persecution of Maximian accomplished the course of their combat. At Carthage, of S. Agileus, martyr, upon whose feast S. Augustine made a sermon of him to the people. In Prussia, of S. Bruno, bishop of the Ruthenians, and martyr, who preaching the Gospel in that country, being apprehended and his hands and feet cut off, was finally beheaded. At Lyons, of S. Antiochus, bishop, who after he had diligently governed the flock committed to his charge, obtained a heavenly crown. At Trevers, of S. Seve-

* Ariminum. † Tudertum. ‡ Herbipolis.

rus, bishop and confessor. At Strasburge,* of S. Aurelia, virgin. At Craconia, of S. Hedwiges, duchess of Polonia, renowned for her charity to the poor, and working of miracles; whom pope Clement the Fourth canonized for a saint. In Germany, of S. Tecla, abbess.

B *The Sixteenth Day.*

In Africa, of two hundred and seventy holy martyrs, crowned together. There also, of the Saints Martinian and Saturian, with their two brothers, who in the persecution of the Vandals, under Geisericus, the Arian king, being slaves to a certain Vandal, were converted to the faith of Christ by S. Maxima, virgin, their fellow-slave: for their constancy in the Catholic faith, they were first beaten with knotted cudgels, and their flesh torn to the very bones; but having suffered these torments a long time, and the day following they being miraculously healed again, were at length sent into banishment; where, after they had converted many barbarous people to the faith of Christ, and obtained of the bishop of Rome a priest, and others of the clergy, which might baptize them, at last, tied by the feet to the end of swift-running chariots, and dragged through a thorny wood, accomplished their martyrdom: but Maxima, after she had endured many conflicts, by

* Argentoratum.

the power of God set free, being made mother of many virgins, in a monastery happily rested in our Lord. Also of the Saints Saturninus and Nereus, with three hundred threescore and five martyrs. At Cullen, of S. Eliphius, martyr, under Julian the apostate. Also of S. Bercharius, abbot and martyr. In the territory of Bourges, of S. Ambrose, bishop of Cahors.* At Mentz, of S. Lullus, bishop and confessor. At Trevers, of S. Florentin, bishop. At Arbone, in Germany, of S. Gallus, abbot, disciple to S. Columban.

C *The Seventeenth Day.*

At Antioch, the birth-day of S. Heron, disciple to S. Ignatius, who being ordained bishop after him, like a diligent follower of his master's footsteps, and true lover of Christ, gave his life for the flock committed to his charge. The same day, the passion of the Saints Victor, Alexander, and Marian. In Persia, of S. Mamelta, martyr, who being converted from idolatry to the faith of Christ by an angel, was by the Gentiles stoned, and cast into a deep lake. At Constantinople, of S. Andrew of Candia, monk, who for the worship of holy images, under Constantine Copronymus, being oftentimes beaten, at last, having one of his feet cut off, gave up his soul to God. At Orange,† in France, of S. Florentine, bishop, who, renowned

* Caturcum. † Arausica.

for many virtues, rested in peace. At Capua, of S. Victor, bishop, famous for his learning and sanctity.

D *The Eighteenth Day.*

THE birth-day of S. Luke, evangelist, who having endured many afflictions for the name of Christ, full of the Holy Ghost, died in Bithynia; whose bones were brought to Constantinople, and thence translated to Padua. At Antioch, of S. Asclepiades, bishop, one of those renowned martyrs that gloriously suffered under Macrinus. In the territory of Beauvais,* of S. Justus, martyr, who being but a child, was killed by Rictiovarus, governor, in the persecution of Dioclesian. At Neocæsarea, in Pontus, of S. Athenodore, bishop, brother to S. Gregory Thaumaturgus, who in the persecution of Aurelian, renowned for his learning, suffered martyrdom. In Mesopotamia, at the bank of the river Euphrates, of S. Julian, hermit. At Rome, of S. Triphonia, some time wife to Decius, emperor, who lies buried in a vault near to S. Hippolytus.

E *The Nineteenth Day.*

AT Rome, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Ptolomy and Lucius, under Marcus Antoninus; of whom Ptolomy, as Justin the martyr writes,

* Belvacum.

having converted a lewd woman to the faith of Christ, and taught her to embrace chastity, being therefore accused by a certain shameless fellow before Urbicius the governor, was kept a long time in a loathsome prison, at last, openly professing Christ his master, received the sentence of death; the which Lucius freely reproving, and professing himself a Christian, he received the like sentence from the same Urbicius. To whom was also joined a third, who also was condemned to suffer the same death. At Antioch, of the holy martyrs Beronicus, and Pelagia, virgin, and nine-and-forty others. In Egypt, of S. Varus, a soldier, who, under Maximinus, emperor, visiting and relieving seven holy monks that lay in prison; one of them dying, he would needs succeed in his place; and after most cruel torments endured together with them, obtained the palm of martyrdom. At Evreux,* of S. Aquilin, bishop and confessor. In the territory of Orleans, the deposition of S. Veran, bishop. At Salerno, of S. Eusterius, bishop. In Ireland, of S. Ethbin, abbot. At Oxford, in England, of S. Fredeswind, virgin.

F *The Twentieth Day.*

At Abia,† near Aquila, in Abruzzo, the birthday of S. Maximus, deacon and martyr, who for the desire he had to suffer, freely offered himself to the persecutors that sought him, and after a

* Ebroicæ. † Avia.

constant confession of his faith, being racked upon the torture *Equuleus*, and cruelly beaten with cudgels, at last, thrown headlong from a high place, obtained the crown of martyrdom. At Agen,* in France, of S. Caprasius, martyr, who to avoid the fury of persecution hiding himself in a cave, and hearing what S. Faith, virgin, endured for Christ, animated hereby to suffer torments, prayed unto God, that if he thought him worthy of the glory of martyrdom, a spring of water might flow out of a stone in the cave where he lay; which God granting, he went confidently to the place of combat, and under Maximian, emperor, behaving himself courageously, deserved the palm of martyrdom. At Antioch, of S. Artemius, prime-captain of the emperor, who under Constantine the Great having had chief command in the wars, was by Julian the apostate, whom he had accused of cruelty towards Christians, beaten with cudgels, and otherwise grievously tormented, and finally beheaded. At Cullen, the passion of the holy virgins Martha and Saula, with many others. At Minden, the birth-day of S. Felician, bishop and martyr. At Paris, of the Saints George, deacon, and Aurelius, martyr. In Portugal, of S. Irenes, virgin and martyr. In the territory of Rheims, of S. Sindulph, confessor.

* Agennum.

G *The One-and-Twentieth Day.*

In Cyprus, the birth-day of S. Hilarion, abbot, whose life, full of virtues and miracles, S. Jerom has left written. At Cullen, the birth-day of the Saints Ursula, and her companions, who for the Christian religion, and constant in keeping their virginity, being killed by the Huns, ended their lives by martyrdom; and very many of their bodies were buried at Cullen. At Ostia, of S. Asterius, priest and martyr, who, as is recorded in the martyrdom of S. Callistus, pope, suffered under Alexander, emperor. At Nicomedia, the birth-day of the Saints Dasius, Zoticus, and Caius, and twelve others, soldiers, who after divers torments were drowned in the sea. At Maronia, in Syria, near Antioch, of S. Malchus, monk. At Lyons, of S. Viator, deacon to S. Justin, bishop of the same city. At Laon,* of S. Cilinia, mother to S. Remigius, bishop of Rheims.

A *The Two-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Jerusalem, of S. Mark, bishop, a man of great renown and learning, who first of all the Gentiles governed the Church of Jerusalem, and not long after deserved the palm of martyrdom, under Antoninus, emperor. At Adrianople, in Thracia, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Philip,

* Laudunum.

bishop, Severus, priest, Eusebius, and Hermes, who after prisons and whips, under Julian the Apostate were burned. Also of the holy martyrs Alexander, bishop, Heraclius, a soldier, and their companions. At Fermo, in Marc-Ancona, of S. Philip, bishop and martyr. At Huesca,* in Spain, of the holy virgins Nunilo and Alodia, sisters, who for confession of Christ being beheaded by the Saracens, finished their martyrdom. At Cullen, of S. Cordula, virgin, one of S. Ursula's company, who being terrified with the torments and slaughter of her companions, hid herself, but on the morrow repenting her thereof, discovered herself to the Huns, and last of all received the crown of martyrdom. At Hierapolis, in Phrygia, of S. Abercius, bishop, who flourished under Marcus Antoninus, emperor. At Rouen, of S. Melanius, bishop, who being ordained by S. Stephen, pope, was sent thither to preach the Gospel. In Tuscany, of S. Donatus, a Scotchman, and bishop of Fiesoli. At Verona, of S. Verecundus, bishop and confessor. At Jerusalem, of S. Mary Salome, who, as the holy Gospel records, was very careful about the burial of our Lord.

B *The Three-and-Twentieth Day.*

In Spain, near unto Cales, of the holy martyrs Servandus and German, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, under Viator, lieutenant, after tor-

* Osca.

ments, a loathsome prison, affliction of hunger and thirst, and the toil of a long voyage which they endured, being sore loaded with irons, finally ended the course of their martyrdom by being beheaded. Of whom German was buried at Merida,* and Servandus at Seville. At Antioch, in Syria, the birth-day of S. Theodore, priest, who being apprehended in the persecution of wicked Julian, after he had endured the torture of *Equuleus,* and many other most cruel torments, having also his sides burned with fiery lamps, and still persisting in the confession of Christ, finally ended his martyrdom by the sword. At Constantinople, of S. Ignatius, bishop, who was many ways injured, and driven also into banishment by Bardas the emperor, whom he had reprehended for putting away his wife; but called back again, and restored to his bishopric by Nicolas, pope of Rome, finally died in peace. At Bourdeaux,† of S. Severin, bishop of Cullen, and confessor. At Rouen, of S. Romanus, bishop. At Salerno, of S. Verus, bishop. In the territory of Amiens, of S. Domitius, priest. In the territory of Poitiers, of S. Benet, confessor.

C *The Four-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Venosa,‡ in Apulia, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Felix, an African bishop, Audactus and Januarius, priests, Fortunatus and Septimus,

* Emerita. † Burdigala. ‡ Venusia.

lectors, who, in the persecution of Dioclesian, having been a long time vexed and afflicted with imprisonment and fetters, both in Africa and Sicily, by Magdellianus, governor, when Felix would by no means deliver up the sacred books, according to the emperor's edict, were all at length beheaded. At Nagran, a city in the country of the Homerites, the passion of the Saints Aretas, and three hundred and forty, his companions, in the time of Justin, emperor, under Dunaan, a Jewish tyrant. After whom also a Christian woman was burned, whose little son, being but five years old, and stammeringly confessing Christ, when, neither by fear nor flattery, he could be stayed from running into the fire, was finally burned with his mother. At Cullen, of S. Evergistus, bishop and martyr. At Constantinople, of S. Proclus, bishop. In Little Brittany, the departure of S. Maglorius, bishop, whose body lies buried at Paris. In the monastery of Vertan, of S. Martin, abbot. In Campania, of S. Mark, anchoret, whose worthy deeds S. Gregory has written.

D *The Five-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Rome, of the holy martyrs Chrysanthus, and Daria his wife, who, after many afflictions which they endured for Christ, under Celerin, governor, were commanded by Numerian, emperor, to be cast into a sandpit, in the way Salaria, and

there to be overwhelmed alive with earth and stones. Also at Rome, the birth-day of forty-six holy soldiers, who, being all baptized together by S. Denis, pope, were, by the command of Claudius, emperor, immediately beheaded, and buried in the way Salaria, where also were buried an hundred and twenty-one other martyrs, amongst whom were four soldiers of Christ, Theodosius, Lucius, Mark, and Peter. At Soissons,* in France, of the holy martyrs Crispin and Crispinian, noble Romans, who, in the persecution of Dioclesian, under Rictiovarus, president, after most cruel torments, killed with a sword, obtained the crown of martyrdom; whose bodies were afterwards transported to Rome, and honourably interred in the church of S. Lawrence, in Palisperna.† At Florence, the passion of S. Minias, a soldier, who under Decius, emperor, behaving himself valiantly for the faith of Christ, was crowned with a glorious martyrdom. At Torre,‡ in Sardinia, of the holy martyrs Protus, priest, and Januarius, deacon, who being sent by S. Caius, pope, into that island, under Dioclesian, by Barbarus, the president, were put to death. At Constantinople, the passion of the Saints Martyrius, subdeacon, and Marcian, chanter, who, under Constantius, emperor, were killed by the heretics. At Rome, of S. Boniface, pope and confessor. At Perigueux,§ in France, of S. Fronto, who, being ordained bishop by S. Peter the

* Suessones. † In Pane and Perna. ‡ Turres.
§ Petragoricum.

apostle, with one George, a priest, converted a great multitude of that nation to Christ, and, famous for miracles, rested in peace. At Brescia, the birth-day of S. Gaudentius, bishop, renowned for his learning and sanctity. At Mandes,* of S. Hilary, bishop.

E *The Six-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Rome, of S. Evaristus, pope and martyr, who, under Adrian, emperor, adorned the Church of God with his blood. In Africa, of the holy martyrs Rogatian, priest, and Felicissimus, who, in the persecution of Valerian and Gallienus, were crowned with a glorious martyrdom: of whom S. Cyprian also writes, in his epistle to the confessors. At Nicomedia, of the holy martyrs Lucian, Florius, and their companions. The same day, of S. Quod-Vault-Deus, bishop of Carthage, who, together with his clergy, being by Geisericus, an Arian king, put into broken ships, without oars or sails, beyond all expectation arrived at Naples, and there, in banishment, died a confessor. At Narbonne, of S. Rusticus, bishop and confessor, who flourished in the days of Valentinian and Leo, emperors. At Salerno, of S. Gaudiosus, bishop. At Pavia,† of S. Fulk, bishop. Also of S. Quadragesimus, subdeacon, who raised a dead man to life.

* Gavalis. † Papia.

F *The Seven-and-Twentieth Day.*

THE vigil of the holy apostles Simon and Jude. At Avila, in Spain, the passion of the saints Vincent, Sabina, and Christeta, who were first most cruelly racked upon the torture *Equuleus* until all their joints were loosed, and then having stones laid upon their heads, their brains were beaten out with great bars, and so they accomplished their martyrdom, under Dacian, president. At the Castle of Tile, of S. Florentius, martyr. In Cappadocia, of the holy martyrs Capitolina, and Erotheis, her handmaid, who suffered under Dioclesian. In India, of S. Frumentius, bishop, who, being there first a captive, and afterwards ordained bishop by S. Athanasius, did propagate the gospel in those parts. In Ethiopia, of S. Elesbaan, king, who, when he had overcome the enemies of Christ, sending his crown to Jerusalem, in the time of Justin, emperor, and living a monastical life, as he had vowed, finally went to our Lord.

G *The Eight-and-Twentieth Day.*

THE birth-day of the blessed apostles Simon the Cananean, and Thaddeus, who is also called Jude; of whom, Simon preached the gospel in Egypt, and Thaddeus in Mesopotamia; and afterwards going together into Persia, when they had converted an infinite multitude of that nation to the

faith of Christ, they accomplished their martyrdom. At Rome, of S. Cyrilla, virgin, daughter to S. Triphonia, who, under Claudius, emperor, had her throat cut for Christ. There also, of S. Anastasia the elder, virgin, and Cyril, martyrs, of whom Anastasia, in the persecution of Valerian, under Probus, governor, being bound with chains, buffeted, tormented with fire and whips, and still persisting constant in the confession of Christ, having her breasts cut off, her nails plucked off, her teeth broken, her hands and feet cut off, finally beheaded, went triumphantly to her spouse, adorned with so many jewels of her several torments; and one called Cyril, giving her, at her request, a cup of water to drink, for his reward received the crown of martyrdom. At Como, of S. Fidelis, martyr, under Maximian, emperor. At Mentz, of S. Ferrutius, martyr. At Meaux,* of S. Faron, bishop and confessor. At Naples, of S. Gaudiosus, an African bishop, who, to avoid the persecution of the Vandals, coming thence into Campania, in a monastery at Naples made a holy end. At Versailles, of S. Honoratus, bishop.

A *The Nine-and-Twentieth Day.*

In Lucania, of the holy martyrs Hyacinthus, Quinctus, Felician, and Lucius. At Sidon, in Phœnicia, of S. Zenobius, priest, who, in the rage

* Melda.

of the last persecution, exhorting others to martyrdom, was himself also made worthy of martyrdom. The same day, of the holy bishops Maximilian, martyr, and Valentine, confessor. At Bergamo,* of S. Eusebia, virgin and martyr. At Jerusalem, the birth-day of S. Narcissus, bishop, greatly renowned for holiness, patience, and faith, who, being an hundred and sixteen years old, departed to our Lord. At Austum,† of S. John, bishop and confessor. At Cassiope, in the island of Corcyra, of S. Donatus, of whom S. Gregory, pope, writes. At Vienna, the deposition of S. Theodore, abbot.

B *The Thirtieth Day.*

In Africa, the birth-day of two hundred and twenty holy martyrs. At Tanger,‡ in Mauritania, the passion of S. Marcellus, a centurion, who under Agricolaus, lieutenant to the governor, being beheaded, accomplished his martyrdom. At Alexandria, of thirteen holy martyrs, who with the same Julian, Eunus, and Macarius, suffered under Decius, emperor. There also, of S. Eutropia, martyr, who visiting the holy martyrs, was with them so cruelly tormented, that she gave up the ghost. At Callari,§ in Sardinia, of S. Saturninus, martyr, who in the persecution of

* Bergomum. † Augustodunum. ‡ Tingis.
§ Caralis.

Dioclesian was beheaded, under Barbarus, president. At Apamea, of S. Maximus, martyr, under the same Dioclesian. At Leon,* in Spain, of the holy martyrs Claudius, Lupercus, and Victorius, sons of S. Marcellus the centurion, who in the persecution of Dioclesian and Maximian, under Diogenian, president, were commanded to be beheaded. At Ægæa, in Cilicia, the passion of the Saints Zenobius, bishop, and Zenobia, his sister, under Dioclesian, emperor, and Lysias, president. At Altino,† of S. Theonestus, bishop and martyr, who was slain by the Arians. At Paris, of S. Lucan, martyr. At Antioch, of S. Serapion, bishop, much renowned for his learning. At Capua, of S. German, bishop and confessor, a man of great holiness, whose soul in the hour of his death, was by S. Benet seen carried up to heaven by angels. At Potenza,‡ in Lucania, of S. Gerard, bishop. At Rome, the birth-day of S. Alphonsus Rodriguez, confessor, of the Society of Jesus.

C *The One-and-Thirtieth Day.*

The vigil of All Saints. At Rome, the birth-day of S. Nemesius, deacon, and of Lucilla, his daughter, a virgin, who, when they could by no means be brought to forsake the faith of Christ, were by the command of Valerian, emperor, beheaded, upon the five-and-twentieth day of August; whose bodies being buried by S. Ste-

* Legio. † Altinum. ‡ Potentia.

phen, pope, and afterward, on this day, more decently entombed by S. Xystus, in the way called Appia; Pope Gregory V. translated them into the sacristy of Sancta Maria Nova, together with the Saints Symphronius, Olympius, a tribune, Exuperia his wife, and Theodolus his son, who, being all converted by the industry of Symphronius, and baptized by the same S. Stephen, were crowned with martyrdom; all whose bodies, being there found in the time of Pope Gregory XIII. were more honourably placed under the altar of the same church, upon the eighth day of December. The same day, of the Saints Ampliatus, Urban, and Narcissus, of whom S. Paul makes mention, writing to the Romans, who for the gospel of Christ were slain by the Jews and Gentiles. At S. Quintin's,* in France, of S. Quinctin, a citizen and senator of Rome, martyred under Maximian, emperor; whose body, after fifty-five years, was by the revelation of an angel found incorrupt. At Constantinople, of S. Stachys, bishop, who was ordained the first bishop of that city by S. Andrew the apostle. At Milan, of S. Antoninus, bishop and confessor. At Ratisbon, of S. Wolfgangus, bishop.

* Augusta Veromanduorum.

November.

D *The First Day.*

The festivity of All Saints, which, in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of God, and of all holy martyrs, Pope Boniface IV. (having first dedicated to that use the temple of Pantheon) ordained to be kept solemnly every year in the city of Rome ; and afterward Pope Gregory IV. decreed, that the same festivity, which at that time was diversly kept in sundry churches, should on this day perpetually be observed with solemnity of the Universal Church, in honour of All Saints. At Terracina, in Campania, the birth-day of S. Cæsareus, deacon, who having for many days been pined in prison, was, together with S. Julian, priest, put into a sack, and cast headlong into the sea. At Dijon,* of S. Benignus, priest, who being sent into France by S. Polycarp to preach the gospel, after he had been divers ways most cruelly tormented, under Marcus Aurelius, emperor, by Terentius, judge, had his neck broken with an iron bar, and his body thrust through with a lance. The same day, of S. Mary, a servant, who being accused for a Christian, under Adrian, emperor, first cruelly whipped, then racked upon the torture *Equuleus*, and torn with iron hooks, accomplished her martyrdom. At Damasco, the passion of the Saints Cæsarius, Dacius, and five others. In Persia, of the holy martyrs John,

* Divio.

bishop, and James, priest, under Sapor, king. At Tharsus, of the Saints Syrenia and Juliana, under Maximian, emperor. At Auvergne, of S. Austremonius, the first bishop of that city. At Paris, the deposition of S. Marcellus, bishop. At Bayeux,* of S. Vigor, bishop, who lived in the time of king Childebert, of France. At Tivoli,† of S. Severin, monk. In Gastinois,‡ of S. Maturinus, confessor.

E *The Second Day.*

THE commemoration of all the faithful departed. The same day, the birth-day of S. Victorinus, bishop of Poictiers, who after he had written many books, as S. Jerom witnesses, in the persecution of Dioclesian was crowned with martyrdom. At Trieste,§ the passion of Justus, who in the same persecution accomplished his martyrdom, under Manasius, president. At Sebasta, of the holy martyrs Carterius, Styriacus, Tobias, Eudoxius, Agapius, and their companions, under Licinius, emperor. In Persia, of the holy martyrs Acindinus, Pegasius, Aphthonius, Elpidephorus, and Anempodistus, with many others, their companions. In Africa, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Publius, Victor, Hermes, and Papias. At Tharsus, in Cilicia, of S. Eustochium, virgin and martyr, who under Julian the Apostate, after most cruel torments, gave up her soul in prayer.

* Baioca. † Tibur. ‡ Wastinum. § Tergeste.

At Laodicea, in Syria, of S. Theodotus, bishop, renowned not only for his words, but also for his works and virtues. At Vienna, of S. George, bishop. In the monastery of S. Maurice,* in Switzerland, of S. Ambrose, abbot. At Cyrus, in Syria, of S. Marcian, confessor.

F *The Third Day.*

THE birth-day of S. Quartus, disciple of the apostles. At Cæsarea, in Cappadocia, of the holy martyrs German, Theophilus, Cesareus, and Vitalis, who in the persecution of Decius, suffered a famous martyrdom. At Saragossa,† of innumerable holy martyrs, who under Dacian, president of Spain, with wonderful fervour gave their lives for Christ. At Viterbo, of the holy martyrs Valentine, priest, and Hilary, deacon, who in the persecution of Maximian, were for the faith of Christ cast into the river Tiber, with a great stone tied to their necks, but being miraculously delivered by an angel, finally, by being beheaded, received the crown of martyrdom. In England, of S. Winefride, virgin and martyr. In the monastery of Clarevallis, the deposition of S. Malachy, bishop of Connerthen, in Ireland, renowned in his time for many virtues, whose life is written by S. Bernard, abbot. The same day, of S. Hubert, bishop of Tungres. At Vienna, of S. Domnus,

* Agaunum. † Cæsar-Augusta.

bishop and confessor. Also the deposition of S. Firmin, bishop of Meaux.* At Urgella, in Spain, of S. Hermenguadius, bishop. At Rome, of S. Sylvia, mother to S. Gregory, pope.

G *The Fourth Day.*

At Milan, of S. Charles Borromeus, cardinal, and bishop of the same city, whom, glorious for sanctity, and famous for miracles, Paul the Fifth canonized for a Saint. At Bolonia, of the holy martyrs Vitalis and Agricola, of whom the former, having been servant to the latter, was made worthy to be his colleague and companion in martyrdom; upon whom the executioners exercised all kinds of torments, so that there was not left one place in his body without a wound; the which he suffering most constantly, in prayer gave up his soul to God: but Agricola being fastened to a cross with many nails, ended his life. At the translation of whose bodies S. Ambrose being present, writes that himself gathered up the martyr's nails, triumphant blood, and wood of his cross, and laid them under the holy altars. The same day, the birth-day of the Saints Philologus and Patrobas, disciples of S. Paul the apostle. At Austum,† of S. Proculus, martyr. In the territory of Vilcassine, of S. Clarus, priest and martyr. At Ephesus, of S. Porphyry, martyr, under Aure-

* Melda. † Augustodunum.

lian, emperor. At Myra, in Lycia, of the holy martyrs Nicander, bishop, and Hermes, priest, under Libanius, president. The same day, the birth-day of S. Pierius, priest of Alexandria, who being excellently learned in the holy Scriptures, and renowned for purity of life, and that he might better attend to Christian philosophy, wholly discharged of all worldly impediments, under Carus and Dioclesian, emperors, (Theonas then governing the Church of Alexandria) taught the people with great applause, and set forth divers books; but after the persecution ended, spending the rest of his life at Rome, he finally rested in peace. At Rhodes,* in France, of S. Amantius, bishop, renowned for holiness of life and miracles. In Bithynia, of S. Joannicius, abbot. At Alba-Regalis, in Hungary, the deposition of S. Emericus, confessor, son to S. Stephen, king of Hungary. At Trevers, of S. Modesta, virgin.

A *The Fifth Day.*

Of S. Zachary, priest and prophet, father of S. John Baptist. Also of S. Elizabeth, mother of the same most holy precursor. At Terracina, in Campania, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Felix, priest, and Eusebius, a monk, who having buried the bodies of the holy martyrs Julian and Cesareus, and converted many to the faith of Christ, which were baptized by S. Felix, being at

* Ruthenum.

length apprehended together, and both brought to the tribunal of the judge, and not yielding, they were cast into prison, and refusing to sacrifice to idols, the same night beheaded. At Emesa,* in Phœnicia, of the holy martyrs Galation, and Epistemes, his wife, who in the persecution of Decius being whipped, and then deprived of their hands, feet, and tongue, were finally beheaded. Also of the holy martyrs Domninus, Theotimus, Philotheus, Silvan, and their companions, under Maximinus, emperor. At Milan, of S. Magnus, bishop and confessor. At Brescia, of S. Dominator, bishop. At Trevers, of S. Fibitius, of abbot made bishop of the same city. At Orleans, in France, of S. Lætus, priest and confessor.

B *The Sixth Day.*

At Thinis, in Africa, the birth-day of S. Felix, martyr, who, confessing himself to be a Christian, and his torments deferred, was the day following (as relates Saint Augustin, in his exposition of a psalm upon his feast-day to the people) found dead in prison. At Theopolis, of ten holy martyrs, who are said to have suffered death by the Saracens. At Barcelona,† of S. Severus, bishop and martyr, who for the Catholic faith having a nail struck into his head, received the crown of martyrdom. In Phrygia, of S. Atticus. At Berges, of S. Winock, abbot, renowned for his virtues and mi-

* Now called Haman. † Barcino.

racles, who served for a long time the religious of his monastery, being his subjects. At Fundi, in Campania, of S. Felix, monk. At Limoges,* in Aquitaine, of S. Leonard, confessor, disciple of S. Remigius, bishop, who being nobly born, and making choice of a solitary life, was famous for holiness and miracles, especially in delivering of captives.

C *The Seventh Day.*

At Padua, the deposition of S. Prosdocimus, the first bishop of that city, who being ordained bishop by S. Peter the apostle, was sent thither to preach the Gospel: where, renowned for many virtues and miracles, he rested happily in our Lord. At Perugia, of S. Herculan, bishop and martyr. The same day, of S. Amaranthus, martyr, who being buried in the city of Alby,† after he had ended the course of his faithful agony, lives gloriously in heaven. At Melitine, in Armenia, the passion of the Saints Hieron, Nicander, Hesychius, and thirty others, who were crowned in the persecution of Dioclesian, under Lysias, president. At Amphipolis, in Macedonia, of the holy martyrs Auctus, Taurio, and Thessalonica. At Ancyra, the passion of the Saints Melasippus, Antony, and Carina, under Julian the Apostate. At Cullen, of S. Engelbert, bishop, who for defence of the liberties of the Church, and obedience

* Lemovica. † Albiga.

to the Roman See, doubted not to suffer martyrdom. At Alexandria, of S. Achillas, bishop, renowned for his learning, faith, conversation, and manners. In Friesland, the deposition of S. Willebrord, bishop of Maestricht,* who being ordained bishop by S. Sergius, pope, preached the Gospel in Friesland and Denmark. At Metz, of S. Rufus, bishop and confessor. At Strasburge,† of S. Florentius, bishop.

D *The Eighth Day.*

The octave of All Saints. At Rome, in the way Lavicana, three miles from the city, the passion of the holy martyrs Claudius, Nicostratus, Symphorian, Castorius, and Simplicius, who being first cast into prison, and afterwards grievously beaten with whips called scorpions, when they could not be drawn from the faith of Christ, were commanded by Dioclesian, emperor, to be cast headlong into the river. Also in the way Lavicana, the birth-day of four holy brothers, Severus, Severian, Carpophorus, and Victorinus, called the four crowned, who under the same emperor were beaten to death with leaden whips. The names of these four (which after many years were miraculously revealed) when they could not then be known, it was ordained that their yearly festivity should be celebrated upon this day, together with the former five, under the name of the four

* Trajectum. † Argentoratum.

crowned, which custom also still continued in the Church, after their names were revealed. At Rome, of S. Deus-Dedit, pope, who was of so great merit with God, that with a kiss he cured a leper. At Bremen,* of S. Willehad, the first bishop of that city, who, together with S. Boniface, whose disciple he was, propagated the Gospel in Friesland and Saxony. At Soissons,† in France, of S. Godfrey, bishop of Amiens, a man of great holiness. At Verdun, of S. Maurus, bishop and confessor. At Tours, of S. Clarus, priest, whose epitaph was written by S. Paulinus.

E *The Ninth Day.*

At Rome, the dedication of the church of our Saviour. At Amasea, in Pontus, the birth-day of S. Theodore, a soldier, who in the time of Maximian, emperor, being first most cruelly beaten for the confession of Christ, and cast into prison, he was comforted by our Lord himself, who appeared unto him, and bade him behave himself courageously and constantly; afterwards, after he had been racked upon the torture *Equuleus*, and torn with iron hooks, even till his bowels appeared, he was finally burned: whose praises S. Gregory Nyssen has celebrated in an excellent oration. At Tyana, in Cappadocia, the passion of S Orestes, under Dioclesian, emperor. At Thessa-

* Brema. † Suessio.

lonica, of S. Alexander, martyr, under Maximian, emperor. At Bourges,* of S. Ursin, confessor, who being ordained at Rome by the successors of the apostles, was the first bishop sent to that city. At Naples, in Campania, of S. Agrippinus, bishop, renowned for miracles. At Constantinople, of the holy virgins Eustolia, a Roman, and Sopatra, daughter of Mauritius the emperor. At Beritus, in Syria, the memory of our blessed Saviour's image, which being crucified by the Jews, did pour out such plenty of blood, that both the East and West Churches received abundantly thereof.

F *The Tenth Day.*

The birth-day of the holy martyrs Triphon and Respicius, and Nympha, virgin. In the territory of Agde,† of the holy martyrs Tyberius, Modestus, and Florentia, who in the time of Dioclesian, having endured divers torments, ended their martyrdom. At Antioch, of the Saints Demetrius, bishop, Anian, deacon, Eustosius, and twenty others, martyrs. At Ravenna, of S. Probus, bishop, famous for miracles. At Orleans, of S. Monitor, bishop and confessor. In England, of S. Justus, bishop, who, together with S. Augustine, Mellitus, and others, being sent into that island by S. Gregory, pope, to preach the Gospel, renowned for sanctity of life, reposed there in our

* Bituricæ. † Agaselta.

Lord. At Mellun,* of S. Leo, confessor. At Iconium, in Lycaonia, of the holy women Tryphenna and Tryphosa, who by the preaching of S. Paul, and example of Tecla, greatly profited in Christian perfection. In the island of Pario,† of S. Theoctistes, virgin.

G *The Eleventh Day.*

At Tours, in France, the birth-day of S. Martin, bishop and confessor, whose life was so renowned for miracles, that he was made worthy to be the raiser of three dead men to life. At Cotyæum, in Phrygia, the famous passion of S. Mennas, an Egyptian soldier, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, having cast off his military cincture, retired himself into the wilderness, there secretly to serve the King of heaven: afterwards coming abroad, and with a free voice professing himself a Christian, he was first most cruelly tormented, and then at length, as he was upon his knees in prayer, giving thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ, was beheaded; and after his death was renowned for many miracles. At Ravenna, of the holy martyrs Valentine, Felician, and Victorin, who were crowned in the persecution of Dioclesian. In Mesopotamia, of S. Athenodore, martyr, who under the same Dioclesian, and Eleusius, president, having been tortured with fire, and other torments, at last being condemned to be beheaded,

* Milledunum. † Pares.

the executioner falling down, and no other daring to cut off his head, in prayer he reposed in our Lord. At Lyons, of S. Veranus, bishop, whose life was renowned for faith, and other virtues. In the monastery of Cripta-Ferrata, near Frescati,* of S. Bartholomew, abbot, companion to blessed Nilus, whose life he wrote. In the province of Abbruzzo,† of S. Mennas, anchoret, whose virtues and miracles are commemorated by S. Gregory, pope.

A *The Twelfth Day.*

The birth-day of S. Martin, pope and martyr, who, gathering a council at Rome, and condemning Sergius, Paul, and Pyrrhus, heretics, was by the command of Constans, the heretical emperor, apprehended by deceit, and brought prisoner to Constantinople, and thence banished into Chersoneseus, where, for the Catholic faith, consumed with many miseries, he ended his life, and was famous for many miracles. His body was afterward translated to Rome, and buried there in a church dedicated to S. Silvester and himself. In Asia, the passion of the Saints Aurelius and Publius, bishops. In the territory of Sens,‡ of S. Paternus, martyr. At Gant, of S. Livin, bishop and martyr. In Polonia, of the holy martyrs Benedict, John, Matthew, Isaac, and Christin,

* Tusculum. † Olim Samnium. ‡ Senones.

hermits. At Avignon, of S. Rufus, the first bishop of that city. At Cullen, the deposition of S. Cunibert, bishop. At Tarazona,* in the kingdom of Arragon, in Spain, of blessed Æmilian, priest, renowned for infinite miracles, whose admirable life is written by S. Braulio, bishop of Saragossa.† At Constantinople, of S. Nilus, abbot, who being governor of a city, became a monk, and was famous for learning and holiness of life, in the days of Theodosius the Younger. Also at Constantinople, of S. Theodore, surnamed Studita, who courageously contesting for the Catholic faith against image-breakers, became famous all over the Catholic Church. At Alcala,‡ in Spain, of S. Didacus, confessor, of the order of S. Francis, who was canonized for a saint by Xystus the Fifth.

B *The Thirteenth Day.*

At Ravenna, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Valentine, Solutor, and Victor, who suffered under Dioclesian, emperor. At Aix,§ in Provence, of S. Mitrius, a most renowned martyr. At Cæsarea in Palestine, the passion of the Saints Antoninus, Zebinas, German, and Ennatha, virgin, who, after that she had been under Galerius Maximian grievously whipped, was burned: but the others, for freely reprehending Æmilian the president whilst he sacrificed to the idols, were beheaded. In

* Turiaso. † Cæsar-Augusta. ‡ Complutum.
§ Aquæ.

Africa, of the holy martyrs Arcadius, Paschasius, Probus, and Eutychian, Spaniards, who in the persecution of the Vandals, when they would in no wise yield unto the Arian heresy, by Geisericus, the Arian king, had first their goods confiscated, and then were sent into banishment, and after most grievous torments, were finally killed by divers kinds of death. At which time also appeared the constancy of Paulillus, a little boy, brother to the aforesaid Paschasius and Eutychian, who when he could by no means be drawn from the Catholic faith, was a long while beaten with cudgels, and condemned to a most base servitude. At Rome, of S. Nicolas, pope, of a spirit truly apostolical. At Tours,* of S. Britius, bishop, disciple to S. Martin, bishop. At Toledo, of S. Eugenius, bishop. At Auvergne, of S. Quinctian, bishop. At Cremona, of S. Homobonus, confessor, who, renowned for miracles, was canonized for a saint by pope Innocent the Third. At Rome, the birth-day of S. Stanislaus Kostka, confessor, novice of the Society of Jesus.

C *The Fourteenth Day.*

At Heraclea, in Thracia, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Clementinus, Theodotus, and Philomenus. At Alexandria, of S. Serapion, martyr, who under Decius, emperor, being so long tormented, until all the joints of his body were

* Turones.

loosed, and then thrown headlong from the top of his own house, ended his martyrdom. At Trois,* in France, of S. Venerandus, martyr, under Aurelian, emperor. Also in France, of S. Veneranda, virgin, who under Antoninus, emperor, and Asclepiades, president, received the crown of martyrdom. At Gangra, in Paphlagonia, of S. Hypatius, bishop, who as he returned from the great council of Nice, being stoned in the way by the Novatian heretics, died a martyr. At Emesa,† the passion of many holy women, who under Mady, a bloody captain of the Arabians, were for the faith of Christ most cruelly tormented, and put to death. At Bolonia, of S. Jucundus, bishop and confessor. In Ireland, of S. Laurence, bishop of Dublin.

D *The Fifteenth Day.*

The birth-day of S. Eugenius, bishop of Toledo, and martyr, disciple to S. Denys the Areopagite, who having ended the course of his martyrdom in the territory of Paris, received of our Lord a glorious crown for his sufferings. His body was afterwards translated to Toledo. At Nola, in Campania, of S. Felix, bishop and martyr, who from the fifteenth year of his age was renowned for miracles, and finished the course of his martyrdom, together with thirty others, under Marcian, president. At Edessa, in Syria, of the holy martyrs Gurias and Samonas, under Dioclesian,

* Trecæ. † Now Haman.

emperor, and Antoninus, president. There also, the passion of S. Abibus, deacon, who under Licinius, emperor, and Lysanias, president, being first torn with iron claws, was after cast into the fire. In Africa, of the holy martyrs Secundus, Fidentian, and Varicus. In Brittany, the birth-day of S. Machutus, bishop, who even from his tender years was renowned for miracles. At Verona, of S. Luperius, bishop and confessor. In Austria, of S. Leopold, marquis of the same province, who was canonized for a saint by pope Innocent the Eighth.

E *The Sixteenth Day.*

In Africa, of the holy martyrs Rufinus, Mark, Valerius, and their companions. The same day, of the holy martyrs Elpidius, Marcellus, Eustochius, and their companions; of whom Elpidius, being a senator, and constantly confessing the name of Christ before Julian the apostate, was, together with his companions, first dragged at the tails of wild horses, and afterwards cast into the fire, accomplished a glorious martyrdom. At Lyons, the birth-day of S. Eucherius, bishop and confessor, a man of wonderful faith and learning, who being of the noble order of senators, took a religious habit, and of his own accord shut himself up in a cave, where a long time serving Christ with fasting and prayer, was at last by the revelation of an angel solemnly placed in the bishop's

see of the aforesaid city. At Padua, of S. Fidentius, bishop. At Canterbury in England, of S. Edmund, bishop, whose holiness of life God testified by the greatness of his miracles. The same day, the deposition of S. Othmar.

F *The Seventeenth Day.*

At Neocæsarea, in Pontus, the birth-day of S. Gregory, bishop, renowned for learning and sanctity: who, for the signs and miracles which he has wrought to the great glory of divers churches, is surnamed Thaumaturgus. In Palestine, of the holy martyrs Alphæus and Zacchæus, who in the first year of the persecution of Dioclesian, after many torments were condemned to die. At Cordova, of the holy martyrs Acisclus and Victoria, brother and sister, who in the same persecution, by the command of Dion the president being most cruelly tormented, deserved to be crowned by our Lord for their glorious sufferings. At Alexandria, of S. Denys, bishop, a man of very great learning, who, famous for his many confessions of the faith, and illustrious for the diversity of torments and afflictions he endured, in extreme old age died a confessor, in the time of Valerian and Gallienus, emperors. At Orleans, of S. Anian, bishop, whose death how precious it was in the sight of our Lord, frequent miracles do testify. In England, of S. Hugh, bishop, who of a charter-

house monk being ordained bishop of Lincoln, renowned for many miracles, made a holy end. At Tours,* of S. Gregory, bishop. At Florence, of S. Eugenius, confessor, and deacon to S. Zenobius, bishop of the same city.

G *The Eighteenth Day.*

At Rome, the dedication of the churches of the holy apostles S. Peter and S. Paul; the former of which being made larger, was upon this very day consecrated in a solemn manner by Urban the Eighth. At Antioch, the birth-day of S. Romanus, martyr, who in the time of Galerius, emperor, exhorting the Christians to withstand Asclepiades the governor, who broke violently into the church, and endeavoured to ruin the same, after most grievous torments, and cutting out of his tongue, [without which nevertheless he uttered the praises of God] being finally strangled in the prison, was crowned with a glorious martyrdom. There suffered also before him a little boy named Barulas, who being asked by the saint whether it were better to worship one God or many, when he answered that men ought to believe in one God, whom the Christians do serve, after he had been whipped, was commanded to be beheaded. Also at Antioch, of S. Hesychius, martyr, who being a soldier, and hearing it commanded that whosoever would not sacrifice to idols, should put off

* Turones.

his military cincture, he presently cast away the same; for which cause, having a great stone tied to his right hand, he was commanded to be thrown headlong into a river. The same day, of the Saints Oriculus, and his companions, who in the persecution of the Vandals suffered for the Catholic faith. At Mentz, of S. Maximus, bishop, who in the time of Constantius having suffered much by the Arians, died a confessor. At Tours, the deposition of S. Odo, abbot of Cluni. At Antioch, of S. Thomas, monk, whose festivity the people of Antioch do yearly solemnize, for that by his prayers he ceased a great plague in that city. At Luca, in Tuscany, the translation of S. Frigidian, bishop and confessor.

A *The Nineteenth Day.*

THE birth-day of S. Pontian, pope and martyr, who by Alexander, emperor, being carried away into Sardinia, together with Hippolytus, priest, and there, beaten to death with cudgels, finished his martyrdom; but his body was afterwards brought back to Rome by S. Fabian, pope, and buried in the church-yard of Callistus. At Samaria, of S. Abdias, prophet. At Rome, in the way called Appia, the birth-day of S. Maximus, priest and martyr, who suffering in the persecution of Valerian, was buried near to S. Xystus. At Cæsarea, in Cappadocia, of S. Barlaam, martyr, who although rude and ignorant, yet armed with the wisdom of Christ, overcame the tyrant, and

vanquished even the fire itself with the constancy of his faith: upon whose festivity S. Basil the Great made a famous sermon. At Eccia,* of S. Crispin, bishop, who being beheaded, obtained the glory of martyrdom. At Vienne, in France, of the holy martyrs Severin, Exuperius, and Felician; whose bodies after many years being found out, themselves revealing them, were by the bishop, clergy, and people of that city taken up, and more honourably interred, as they deserved. The same day, of S. Faustus, deacon of Alexandria, who first in the persecution of Valerian, being sent into banishment with S. Denys, was afterward under Dioclesian, in his old age beheaded, and so accomplished his martyrdom. In Isauria, the passion of the Saints Azas, and an hundred and fifty soldiers, his companions, under Dioclesian, emperor, and Aquilinus, tribune. At Marspurge, in Germany, the deposition of S. Elizabeth, widow, daughter to Andrew, king of Hungary, who giving herself continually to works of piety, and also famous for miracles, departed to our Lord.

B *The Twentieth Day.*

At Messina, in Sicily, of the holy martyrs Ampetus and Caius. At Turino,† of the holy martyrs Octavius, Solutor, and Adventor, soldiers of the Theban Legion, who under Maximian, emperor, fighting valiantly, were crowned with mar-

* Astiagis. † Taurinum.

tyrdom. At Cæsarea, in Palestine, of S. Agapius, martyr, who under Galerius Maximian, emperor, being condemned to be devoured of the beasts, and nothing at all hurt by them, was cast into the sea with stones tied to his feet. In Persia, the passion of the Saints Nersas, bishop, and his companions. At Dorostorum, in Mysia, of S. Dasius, bishop, who for not consenting to the impurities upon the feast of Saturn, was under Bassus, president, put to death. At Nice, in Bithynia, of the holy martyrs Eustachius, Thespesius, and Anatolius, in the persecution of Maximinus. At Heraclea, in Thracia, of the holy martyrs Bassus, Denys, Agapitus, and forty others. In England, of S. Edmund, king and martyr. At Constantinople, of S. Gregory of Decapolis, who suffered many afflictions for the worship of holy images. At Milan, of S. Benignus, bishop, who governed the Church committed to his charge with great constancy and piety, amidst many troubles caused by the barbarians. At Chaalons,* of S. Sylvester, bishop, who in the two-and-fortieth year of his priesthood, full of years and virtues, departed to our Lord. At Verona, of S. Simplicius, bishop and confessor.

C *The One-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Jerusalem, the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of God, in the temple. The same day, the birth-day of S. Rufus, of whom S.

* Cabilo.

Paul the apostle writes to the Romans. At Rome, the passion of the Saints Celsus and Clement. At Ostia, of the holy martyrs Demetrius and Honorius. At Rheims, of S. Albert, bishop of Liege, and martyr, who was killed for defending the liberties of the Church. In Spain, of the holy martyrs Honorius, Eutychius, and Stephen. In Pamphylia, of S. Heliodore, martyr, in the persecution of Aurelian, under Actius, president; after whose martyrdom his executioners being converted to the faith, were drowned in the sea. At Rome, of S. Gelasius, pope, renowned for his learning and holiness. At Verona, of S. Maurus, bishop and confessor. In the monastery of Bobi, the deposition of S. Columban, abbot, founder of many monasteries, and the father of many monks, who, renowned for many virtues, in a good old age reposed in our Lord.

D *The Two-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Rome, of S. Cecily, virgin and martyr, by whose counsel and exhortation Valerian, her spouse, and his brother Tiburtius came to believe in Christ, and for the same suffered martyrdom; after whose death Almachius, governor of the city, caused her to be apprehended, and after she had gloriously overcome the torment of fire, to be beheaded, in the time of Marcus Aurelius Severus Alexander, emperor. At Colossis, in Phrygia, of the Saints Philemon and Apphias, disciples of S. Paul the apostle, who under Nero, emperor,

the Gentiles rushing into the church upon the feast day of Diana, the rest flying, were taken, and by the command of Artocles, president, whipped, and put into a pit up to the middle, overwhelmed with stones. Also at Rome, of S. Maurus, martyr, who coming out of Africa to visit the sepulchres of the apostles, under Numerian, emperor, and Celerin, governor of the city, was there martyred. At Antioch, in Pisidia, the passion of the Saints Mark and Stephen, under Dioclesian, emperor. At Austum,* of S. Pragmatius, bishop and confessor.

E *The Three-and-Twentieth Day.*

THE birth-day of S. Clement, pope, who in the third place after S. Peter the apostle held the see of Rome, and in the persecution of Trajan banished into Chersonesus, and there thrown into the sea with an anchor tied to his neck, was crowned with martyrdom: whose body, under pope Nicholas the First, being brought to Rome, was honourably placed in a church built before in his honour. At Rome, of S. Felicitas, the mother of seven sons, martyrs; who after them, by the command of Marcus Antoninus, emperor, was beheaded for Christ. At Merida,* in Spain, of S. Lucretia, virgin and martyr, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, under Dacian, president, accomplished her martyrdom. At Cyzicus, in Hellespont, of S. Sisinius, martyr, who in the same persecution,

* Augustodunum. † Emerita.

after many torments, was beheaded. At Iconium, in Lycaonia, of S. Amphilochius, bishop, who being companion to S. Basil and S. Gregory Nazianzen, both in the desert and episcopal dignity, after many combats sustained for the Catholic faith, renowned for sanctity and learning, reposed in peace. At Girgenti,* the deposition of S. Gregory, bishop. In the village of Sainct-Trone, of S. Trudo, priest and confessor.

F *The Four-and-Twentieth Day.*

The birth-day of S. Chrysogonus, martyr, who having most constantly endured long imprisonment, fetters, and torments, for the confession of Christ, being by the command of Dioclesian, emperor, brought to Aquileia, and there beheaded, and his body cast into the sea, finished his martyrdom. At Rome, of S. Crescentian, martyr, of whom mention is made in the passion of blessed Marcellus, pope. At Ameria, in Umbria, of S. Firmina, virgin and martyr, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, having been diversly tormented, at last hanged up by the hands, and scorched with burning lamps, gave up her soul to God. At Corinth, of S. Alexander, martyr, who under Julian the Apostate, and Salust, president, contested for the faith of Christ even unto death. At Cordova, of the holy virgins and martyrs Flora and Mary, who after long imprisonment in the

* Agrigentum.

persecution of the Arabians, were killed by the sword. At Perugia, of S. Felicissimus, martyr. At Milan, of S. Protasius, bishop, who, both in presence of the emperor Constance, and also in the Council of Sardica, stoutly defended the cause of Athanasius, and finally, having taken very great pains for the faith and church committed to his charge, departed to our Lord. In the castle of Blaie,* of S. Romanus, priest, the praise of whose sanctity is declared by the glory of miracles. In the territory of Auvergne, of S. Portian, abbot, who in the time of king Theodoricus, was famous for miracles.

G *The Five-and-Twentieth Day*

THE birth-day of S. Catharine, virgin and martyr, who for confession of the Christian faith, being first cast into prison at Alexandria, under Maximinus, emperor, and afterwards for a long time beaten with whips called *Scorpions*, at length beheaded, accomplished her martyrdom; whose holy body being miraculously carried by angels unto Mount Sinai, is there honoured with great reverence, through the frequent concourse of Christians. At Rome, of S. Moses, priest and martyr, whom S. Cyprian often comforted by his letters, whilst he was, with others, detained in prison; who when he had with invincible fortitude and courage, withstood not only the Gentiles, but

* Blaium.

the schismatics also, and Novatian heretics, was finally, (as S. Cornelius, pope, witnesses,) in the persecution of Decius, crowned with a famous and most renowned martyrdom. At Antioch, of S. Erasmus, martyr. At Cæsarea, in Cappadocia, the passion of S. Mercury, a soldier, who by protection of his angel-keeper, having vanquished the barbarians, and also overcome the cruelty of Decius, emperor, enriched with the many trophies of his torments, crowned with martyrdom, went to heaven. In Æmilia, a province of Italy, of S. Jucunda, virgin.

A *The Six-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Alexandria, the birth-day of S. Peter, bishop of the same city, who adorned with all kind of virtues, was by the command of Galerius Maximian, emperor, beheaded. There suffered also at Alexandria, in the same persecution, the holy martyrs, Faustus, priest, Didius, and Ammonius, and also Phileas, Hesychius, Pachomius, and Theodore, bishops of Egypt, with six hundred and three-score others, who by the sword of persecution were all sent to heaven. At Nicomedia, of S. Marcellus, priest, who in the time of Constantius, being cast down headlong from a rock by the Arians, died a martyr. At Padua, of S. Bellinus, bishop and martyr. At Austum,* of S. Amator, bishop. At Constance, of S. Conrad,

* Augustodunum.

bishop. At Fabriano, in Marc-Ancona,* of S. Silvester, abbot, founder of the congregation of the monks called Silvestrines. In the territory of Rheims, the birth-day of S. Basolus, confessor. At Adrianople, in Paphlagonia, of S. Stilian, anchoret, famous for miracles. In Armenia, of S. Nicon, monk.

B *The Seven-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Antioch, of the holy martyrs Basil, bishop, Auxilius, and Saturninus. In Persia, of S. James, surnamed Intercisus, a renowned martyr, who in the time of Theodosius the younger, having denied Christ to please Isdegerdes, king of Persia, for which cause his mother and his wife had withdrawn themselves from his company, but by the goodness of God returning to himself, he went unto the king and confessed again his faith; the king therewith extremely offended, commanded him to be cut in pieces, and beheaded; at which time innumerable other martyrs suffered in the same place. At Sebasta, in Armenia, of the holy martyrs Hirenarchus, Acacius, a priest, and of seven women, by whose constancy Hirenarchus being converted unto Christ, under Dioclesian, emperor, and Maximus, president, was, together with Acacius, beheaded. In Gallicia, at the river Cæa, of the Saints Facundvus, and Primitius, who suffered under Dioclesian, emperor, and Atticus, president.

* Picenum.

At Aquileia, of S. Valerian, bishop. At Ries,* in Provence, of S. Maximus, bishop and confessor, who from his tender years being adorned with all kinds of virtues, was first abbot of the monastery of Lirinum, and afterwards bishop of the Church of Ries, was famous for miracles and prodigies. In India, near to the Persians, of the Saints Barlaam and Josaphat, whose admirable acts S. John Damascen has left written. At Paris, the deposition of S. Severin, monk and anchoret.

C *The Eight-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Rome, of S. Rufus, who with all his family was martyred by Dioclesian. At Corinth, the birth-day of S. Sosthenes, disciple to S. Paul, the apostle, of whom he makes mention, writing to the Corinthians. This man, of a prince of the synagogue, being converted unto Christ, and cruelly beaten before the proconsul Gallion, by a glorious beginning consecrated the first fruits of his faith. In Africa, of the holy martyrs Papinian and Mansuetus, bishops, who in the persecution of the Vandals, under Geisericus, the Arian king, having their whole bodies burned with hot fiery plates, ended their glorious combat. At which time also the holy bishops Valerian, Urban, Crescens, Eustachius, Cresconius, Crescentian, Felix, Hortulan, and Florentian, being sent into banishment, finished the course of their lives. At

* Rhegium Galliæ Narbonensis.

Constantinople, of the holy martyrs Stephen the younger, Basil, Peter, Andrew, and of three hundred and thirty-nine monks, their companions, who under Constantine Copronymus, for the worship of holy images, having been sundry ways tormented, confirmed the Catholic verity with the effusion of their blood. At Rome, of S. Gregory, pope, the third of that name, who renowned for his sanctity and merits went to heaven.

D *The Nine-and-Twentieth Day.*

THE vigil of the holy apostle S. Andrew. At Rome, in the way Salaria, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Saturninus, an old man, and Sisinius, deacon, under Maximian, emperor; who after they had been long afflicted in prison, were by the governor of the city commanded first to be put upon the torture *Equuleus*, and to be stretched out with sinews, to be beaten with clubs and scorpions, and then to have fire applied to them, and taken down from the rack, to be beheaded. At Tolosa, of S. Saturninus, bishop, who in the time of Decius, being kept prisoner by the pagans, in the capitol of that city, was thrown down the stairs from the highest tower of the same capitol, whereby, having his head broken in pieces, and brains dashed out, and his body all bruised, he rendered up his worthy soul to God. Also the passion of the Saints Paramon, and of three hundred and seventy-five more, his companions, under

Decius, emperor, and Aquilinus, president. At Ancyra, of S. Philomenus, martyr, who in the persecution of Aurelian, emperor, under Felix, president, being first tried by fire, and then having his hands, feet, and at last his head, pierced with nails, finished his martyrdom. At Verulo, of the holy martyrs Blasius and Demetrius. At Todi,* of S. Illuminata, virgin.

E *The Thirtieth Day.*

At Patras, in Achaia, the birth-day of S. Andrew the apostle, who preached the gospel of Christ in Thracia and Scythia; he was apprehended by Ægeas, the proconsul, and first cast into prison, afterwards most cruelly beaten, and lastly fastened to a cross, and hanging alive thereon for two whole days together, he preached to the people, and having besought our Lord that he might not be taken down from the cross, being environed with a great light from heaven, which afterwards vanished, he gave up his holy soul to God. At Rome, the passion of the Saints Castulus and Euprepis. At Constantinople, of S. Maura, virgin and martyr; also of S. Justina, virgin and martyr. At Saints,† of S. Trojanus, bishop, a man of great holiness, who buried in earth, does by his many miracles evidently declare he lives in heaven. At Rome, of S. Constantius, confessor, who stoutly resisting the Pela-

* Tudertum. † Santones.

gians, suffered much from their faction, for which he deserved to be numbered amongst the holy confessors. In Palestine, of S. Zosimus, confessor, who under Justin, emperor, was renowned for holiness of life and miracles.

December.

F *The First Day.*

Of Nahum the prophet, who was buried in Begabar. At Rome, of the holy martyrs Diodore, priest, and Marian, deacon, with many others, who by the command of Numerian, emperor, were crowned with martyrdom. There also, the passion of the Saints Lucius, Rogatus, Cassian, and Candida. The same day of S. Ansan, martyr, who under Dioclesian, emperor, for the confession of Christ, being cast into prison at Rome, was afterwards brought to Siena, in Tuscany, and there beheaded, ended the course of his martyrdom. At Ameria, in Umbria, of S. Olympias, sometimes consul, who, converted to the faith by S. Firmina, under Dioclesian, being racked upon the torture *Equuleus*, finished his martyrdom. At Arbele, in Persia, of S. Ananias, martyr. At Narni, of S. Proculus, bishop and martyr, who, after he had done many famous works, was commanded by Totilas, king of the Goths, to be beheaded. In the city of Casala, of S. Evasius, bishop and martyr. At Milan, of S. Castritian, bishop, famous for his virtues, and the works of religious piety

which he did in the greatest troubles of the Church. At Brescia, of S. Ursicin, bishop. At Tournay,* in Flanders, of S. Eligius, bishop, whose holy life is manifested by the number of miracles which he wrought. At Verdun, of S. Agericus, bishop; the same day, of S. Natalia, wife to S. Adrian, martyr, who under Dioclesian, emperor, did a long time serve the holy martyrs in prison, at Nicomedia, and after their passion, she went to Constantinople, and there peaceably reposed in our Lord.

G *The Second Day.*

At Rome, the passion of S. Bibiana, virgin, who under the sacrilegious emperor Julian, was beaten with leaden whips until she gave up the ghost. There also of the holy martyrs Eusebius, priest, Marcellus, deacon, Hippolytus, Maximus, Adria, Paulina, Neon, Mary, Martana, and Aurelia, who in the persecution of Valerian, under Secundian, judge, finished their martyrdom. Also, at Rome, of S. Pontian, martyr, with four others. In Africa, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Severus, Securus, Januarius, and Victorinus, who were there crowned with martyrdom. At Aquileia, of S. Chromatius, bishop and confessor. At Imola,† of S. Peter, bishop of Ravenna, surnamed Chrysologus, renowned for his learning and holiness. At Verona, of Lupus, bishop and confessor. At

* Olim Noviomum. † Forum Cornelii.

Edessa, of S. Nonnus, bishop, by whose prayers Pelagia the Penitent was converted to Christ. At Troas, in Phrygia, of S. Sylvan, bishop, famous for miracles. At Brescia, of S. Evasius, bishop.

A *The Third Day.*

In Sanciano, an island of China, of S. Francis Xaverius, of the Society of Jesus, apostle of the Indies, renowned all over the world for the multitude of infidels which he converted to Christ, and for his great miracles, especially in raising dead men to life, and for the spirit of prophecy; who, worn out with the labours he took for the faith, full of merits, departed in our Lord, upon the second of December; yet his feast, by the command of Pope Alexander VII., is celebrated upon this day. In Jewry, of the holy prophet Sophonias. At Rome, of the holy martyrs Claudius, tribune, and Hilaria, his wife, and their sons Jason and Maurus, with seventy soldiers, of whom Claudius, by the command of Numerian, emperor, being tied to a great stone, was thrown headlong into the river; his sons, together with the soldiers, were beheaded, but blessed Hilaria, when she had buried her sons' bodies, praying at their sepulchre, being apprehended by the infidels, a little after departed to our Lord. At Tanger,* in Mauritania, the passion of S. Cassian, martyr, who

* Tingis.

having been a long time a notary, at length, inspired from heaven, esteemed it a detestable thing to be an instrument and actor in the slaughter of Christians; whereupon, renouncing his office, and confessing himself a Christian, he deserved to obtain the triumph of martyrdom. Also in Africa, of the holy martyrs Claudius, Crispin, Maginas, John, and Stephen. In Hungary,* of S. Agricola, martyr. At Nicomedia, the passion of the Saints Ambicus, Victor, and Julius. At Milan, of S. Mirocles, bishop and confessor, of whom S. Ambrose makes mention. In England, of S. Birin, the first bishop of Dorchester. At Curia, in Germany, of S. Lucius, king of Brittany, who was the first king of that island that received the faith of Christ, in the time of Pope Eleutherius. At Siena, in Tuscany, of S. Galgan, hermit.

B *The Fourth Day.*

At Nicomedia, the passion of S. Barbara, virgin and martyr, who in the persecution of Maximinus, after sore pining in prison, burning with lamps, cutting off of her breasts, and other torments, finished her martyrdom by the sword. At Constantinople, of the Saints Theophanes and his companions. In Pontus, of S. Meletius, bishop and confessor, who though eminent for his singular learning, yet his magnanimity and integrity of

* Pannonia.

life was far more illustrious. At Bolonia, of S. Felix, bishop, who had been deacon before of the Church of Milan, under S. Ambrose. In England, of S. Osmund, bishop and confessor. At Cullen of S. Annon, bishop. In Mesopotamia, of S. Maruthas, bishop, who repairing the churches of God ruined in Persia, through the persecution of king Isdegerdes, and famous for many miracles, deserved to be honoured even by his enemies. At Parma, of S. Bernard, cardinal, and bishop of the same city.

C *The Fifth Day.*

At Mutala, in Cappadocia, of S. Sabas, abbot, who was greatly renowned in Palestine, for his wonderful holy life, and stoutly laboured in defence of the Catholic faith, against the impugners of the holy Council of Chalcedon. At Thebesta, in Africa, of S. Crispina, a noble woman, who under Dioclesian and Maximian, for refusing to sacrifice unto idols, was, by the command of Anolinus, proconsul, beheaded, whose praises S. Augustine often celebrates. At Thagura, in Africa, of the holy martyrs, Julius, Potamia, Crispin, Felix, Gratus, and seven others. At Nice,* upon the river Varus, of S. Bassus, bishop, who, in the persecution of Decius and Valerian, being racked upon the torture *Equuleus* for the faith of Christ by Perennius, president, burned also with

* Nicæa.

fiery plates, beaten with cudgels, and whips called scorpions, and cast into the fire without any hurt; finally, pierced through the body with two nails, ended his glorious martyrdom. At Pavia, of S. Dalmatius, bishop and martyr, who suffered in the persecution of Maximian. At Pentinia,* in Abruzzo, of S. Pelinus, bishop of Brindisi,† who under Julian the apostate, when the temple of Mars, by the power of his prayers, fell to the ground, being cruelly beaten by the idolatrous priests, and stabbed with fourscore and five wounds, deserved the crown of martyrdom. Also, of S. Anastasius, martyr, who, out of the ardent desire he had of martyrdom, offered himself voluntarily to the persecutors. At Trevers, of S. Nicetius, bishop, a man of great holiness. At Polybotum in Asia, of S. John, bishop, surnamed Thaumaturgus.

D *The Sixth Day.*

At Myra, the metropolis of Lycia, the birth-day of S. Nicolas, bishop and confessor, of whom, amongst many miracles, this memorable one is recorded, that being far distant, he dissuaded by admonitions and threats the emperor Constantine in a vision, from putting to death certain persons, who called upon him for succour in their necessity. In Africa, of the holy women Dionysia, Dativa, Leontia, and of a religious man called Tertius;

* Corsinum. † Brundisium.

also, of Æmilian, a physician, Boniface, and three others, who, in the persecution of the Vandals, under Hunnericus, the Arian king, for defence of the Catholic faith, having all suffered most grievous and innumerable torments, deserved to be added to the number of confessors. There, also, of S. Majoricus, son to S. Dionysia, who, being a young youth, and trembling at the torments, was so encouraged and animated with the words and looks of his mother, that he became more strong than the rest, and in the midst of his torments gave up his soul to God; whom his pious mother, taking up in her arms, buried in her own house, and daily used to pray at his sepulchre. The same day, of S. Polychronius, priest, who, in the time of Constantius, emperor, whilst he said Mass at the altar, was killed by the Arians. At Rome, of S. Asella, virgin, who, as S. Jerome writes, being blest even from her mother's womb, lived to her old age in fasting and prayer.

E *The Seventh Day.*

At Milan, the ordination of S. Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the Church; by whose sanctity and learning the universal Church of Christ is greatly adorned. At Alexandria, the birth-day of S. Agatho, a soldier, who in the persecution of Decius, for hindering those who would have abused the martyrs' bodies, a sudden outcry of

all the common people being raised against him, was apprehended and brought before the judge, and persisting constant in the confession of Christ, he was condemned to die. At Antioch, of the holy martyrs Polycarp and Theodore. At Tuburbum, in Africa, of S. Severus, martyr, who in the persecution of the Vandals, under Hunnericus, the Arian king, having been very long beaten with cudgels, and oftentimes lifted up on high with pulleys, and suddenly with the whole weight of his body let fall upon hard flints, and rubbed with sharp stones, obtained the palm of martyrdom. At Theano,* in Campania, of S. Urban, bishop and confessor. At Saints,† in France, of S. Martin, abbot, at whose sepulchre, by the power of God, miracles are frequently wrought. In the territory of Meaux,‡ of S. Phara, virgin.

F *The Eighth Day.*

THE conception of the glorious and ever-blessed virgin Mary, mother of God. At Rome, of S. Eutychian, pope, who having buried with his own hands in divers places the bodies of one hundred and forty-two martyrs, was under Numerian, emperor, himself also crowned with martyrdom, and buried in the church-yard of Callistus. At Alexandria, of S. Macarius, martyr, who in the time of Decius, when the judge with many words went about to persuade him to deny Christ, and he with so much the more constancy did profess his

* Theanum. † Santones. ‡ Melda.

faith, was at last commanded to be burned alive. At Trevers, of S. Eucharius, disciple to S. Peter the apostle, and the first bishop of the same city. In Cyprus, of S. Sophronius, bishop, a most renowned defender of pupils, orphans, and widows, and a helper of all poor and oppressed persons. In the monastery of Lisieux,* of S. Romaricus, abbot, who being the chief nobleman in the court of king Theodobert, renouncing the world, surpassed others also in the observance of monastical discipline. At Constantinople, of S. Patapius, hermit, renowned for his virtues and miracles. At Verona, the ordination of S. Zeno, bishop.

G *The Ninth Day.*

At Toledo, in Spain, the birth-day of S. Leocadia, virgin and martyr, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, emperor, by Dacian, governor of Spain, being sore pined in prison, when she heard of the cruel torments of S. Eulalia and other martyrs, putting herself upon her knees in prayer, gave up her undefiled soul to Christ. At Carthage, of S. Restitutus, bishop and martyr, upon whose feast S. Augustin made a sermon of him to the people. Also in Africa, of the holy martyrs Peter, Successus, Bassian, Primitivus, and twenty others. At Limoges,† in France, of S. Valeria, virgin and martyr. At Verona, of S. Proculus, bishop, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, being buffeted, and beaten with cudgels, and driven out of the city,

* Luxovium. † Lemovices.

at length restored to his church, reposed in peace. At Pavia, of S. Syrus, the first bishop of that city, renowned for his apostolical miracles and virtues. At Apamoa, in Syria, of S. Julian, bishop, who in the time of Severus was very famous for his sanctity. At Perigneux,* in France, of S. Cyprian, abbot, a man of great sanctity. At Nazianzum, of S. Gorgonia, sister to S. Gregory surnamed the Divine, who himself has written her virtues and miracles.

A *The Tenth Day.*

At Rome, of S. Melchiades, pope, who having suffered great persecution under Maximian, peace being restored to the Church, reposed in our Lord. The same day, of the holy martyrs Carpophorus, priest, and Abundius, deacon, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, being first most cruelly beaten with cudgels, and then cast into prison, and denied both meat and drink, and again racked upon the torture *Equuleus*, and afterwards long pined in prison, at last died by the sword. At Merida,† in Spain, the passion of S. Eulalia, virgin, who under Maximian, emperor, by the command of Dacian, president, having suffered many torments for the confession of Christ at twelve years old; at length, racked upon the torture *Equuleus*, rent with iron claws, and burning torches being put to her sides, and having swallowed down fire, she gave up her soul to God.

* Petragorici. † Emerita.

There also, of S. Julia, virgin and martyr, the companion of S. Eulalia, who also would needs go along with her to her martyrdom. At Alexandria, of the holy martyrs Mennas, Hermogenes, and Eugraphus, who suffered under Galerius Maximian. At Lentini,* of the holy martyrs Mercury, and his fellow-soldiers, who under Tertyllus, president, and Licinius, emperor, were beheaded. At Ancyra, in Galatia, of S. Gemellus, martyr, who after most grievous torments under Julian the apostate, was crucified, and so accomplished his martyrdom. At Vienna, of S Sindulph, bishop and confessor At Brescia, of S. Deus-Dedit, bishop.

B *The Eleventh Day.*

At Rome, of S. Damasus, pope and confessor, who condemned Apollinaris, the arch-heretic, and restored Peter, bishop of Alexandria, that had been driven out of his see. He also found out the bodies of many holy martyrs, and adorned their tombs with verses. Likewise at Rome, the passion of S. Thraso, who nourishing and maintaining with his own goods the Christians that laboured in the hot baths, and other public works, as also those that were in prison, being apprehended by the command of Maximian, with two others, Pontian and Pretextatus, was crowned with martyrdom. At Amiens, of the holy martyrs Victo-

* Leontinum.

ricus and Fuscian, under the same emperor, who by the command of Rictiovarus, president, having their nostrils and ears first bored with certain steels, their temples pierced with burning nails, their eyes pulled out, and afterwards their bodies shot full of arrows, were, together with S. Gentian, their host, beheaded, and so went to our Lord. In Persia, of S. Barsabas, martyr. In Spain, of S. Eutychius, martyr. At Piacenza,* of S. Sabin, bishop, renowned for miracles. At Constantinople, of S. Daniel, surnamed Stylita.

C *The Twelfth Day.*

At Rome, of S. Synesius, martyr, who being ordained lector in the time of S. Xystus, pope, when he had converted many to the faith of Christ, accused to Aurelian, emperor, being beheaded, received the crown of martyrdom. At Alexandria, of the holy martyrs Epimachus and Alexander, who under Decius, emperor, after they had lain a long time in fetters, and been diversly tormented, still persevering in the faith, were at length burned. There also, of the holy women Ammonaria, virgin, Mercuria, Dionysia, and another Ammonaria; of whom the first, in the same persecution of Decius, having overcome unheard-of torments, beheaded, made a happy end: but the three others, for that the judge being ashamed to be overcome by women, and fearing lest by

* Placentia.

using the same torments against them, he should be vanquished by their constancy, they were without more ado beheaded. The same day, of the holy martyrs Hermogenes, Donatus, and two-and-twenty others. At Trevers, of the holy martyrs Maxentius, Constantius, Crescentius, Justin, and their companions, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, suffered under the president Rictiovarus.

D *The Thirteenth Day.*

At Syracosa,* in Sicily, the birth-day of S. Lucy, virgin and martyr, who in the persecution of Dioclesian being delivered over, by the command of Paschasius, that had been sometimes consul, to certain naughty fellows, corruptors of chastity, thereby to make her infamous to the people, they were not able in any wise to move her out of the place where she stood, neither with ropes, nor yet with many yokes of oxen: then having overcome pitch, rosin, and boiling oil, without being hurt thereby, being finally thrust through the throat with a sword, she accomplished her martyrdom. In Armenia, the passion of the holy martyrs Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugenius, Mardarius, and Orestes, in the persecution of Dioclesian; of whom Eustratius, being under Lisias first, and afterwards at Sebasta, under Agricolaus, presidents, together with Orestes, afflicted with exquisite torments, at length cast into a fur-

* Syracusa.

nace, gave up his soul; but Orestes, being laid upon a fiery bed of iron, departed to our Lord: the rest being most cruelly tormented, under the president Lysias, by divers deaths finished their martyrdom. Their bodies being afterwards translated to Rome, were very honourably placed in the church of S. Apollinaris. In Sardinia, in the island Sulcitana, the passion of S. Antiochus, under Adrian, emperor. At Cambray, in France, of S. Authbert, bishop and confessor. In the territory of Ponthieu,* of S. Judocus, confessor. In the territory of Strasburge,† of S. Othilia, virgin.

E *The Fourteenth Day.*

At Alexandria, of the holy martyrs Heron, Arsenius, Isidore, and Dioscorus, a boy: of whom the three first, in the persecution of Decius, being by the judge diversly tormented, when he saw them all armed alike with constancy, he commanded them to be burned; but Dioscorus, being divers ways whipped, was by God's permission set free, for the comfort of the Christians. At Antioch, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Drusus, Zosimus, and Theodore. The same day, the passion of the Saints Justus and Abundius, who under Numerian, emperor, and Olybrius, president, being cast into the fire, but nothing hurt thereby, were beheaded. At Rheims, the passion of the Saints Nicasius, bishop, Eutropia, virgin,

* Pontinum. † Argentoratum.

his sister, and their fellow-martyrs, who were slain by certain barbarous people, enemies of the Church. In the isle of Cyprus, the birth-day of S. Spiridion, bishop, who was one of those confessors whom Galerius Maximian, having their right eye pulled out, and their left knee cut, condemned to the metal-mines. This holy man, renowned for the gift of prophecy and miracles, confounded an Ethnic philosopher, in the council of Nice, that in an insulting manner scoffed at the Christian religion, and brought him to the faith. At Bergamo,* of S. Viator, bishop and confessor. At Pavia, of S. Pompey, bishop. At Naples, in Campania, of S. Agnellus, abbot, famous for the grace of miracles, who has been often seen with the standard of the cross to deliver that city besieged from the enemies. At Milan, of S. Matronian, hermit.

F *The Fifteenth Day.*

Of S. Eusebius, bishop of Versailles, and martyr. At Rome, of the holy martyrs Irenæus, Antony, Theodore, Saturninus, Victor, and seventeen others, who in the persecution of Valerian suffered for Christ. In Africa, the passion of the Saints Faustinus, Lucius, Candidus, Cælian, Mark, Januarius, and Fortunatus. There also, of S. Valerian, bishop, who being above fourscore years of age, in the persecution of the Vandals, under

* Bergomum.

Geisericus, the Arian king, for not delivering up the utensils of his church, was commanded to be all alone driven out of the city, and all men forbidden to harbour him, either in their houses or fields; wherefore lying a long time in the highway, in the open air, he finished the course of his blessed life, in the confession and defence of the Catholic verity. In the territory of Orleans, of S. Maximinus, confessor. In the country of the Georgians,* beyond the Euxine sea, of S. Christiana, a hand-maid, who by miracles converted that nation to the faith of Christ, in the time of Constantine the Great.

G *The Sixteenth Day.*

Of the three children Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, whose bodies were buried in Babylon in a certain cave. At Ravenna, of the holy martyrs Valentine, a general of soldiers, Concordius, his son, Navalis and Agricola, who suffered for Christ in the persecution of Maximian. At Mola,† in Campania, of S. Albina, virgin and martyr, under Decius, emperor. In Africa, the passion of many holy virgins, who in the persecution of the Vandals, under Hunnericus, the Arian king, after they had endured the torments of hanging up by the hands with weights tied to their feet, and hot burning plates, happily accomplished the combat of their martyrdom. At Vienna, of S. Ado, bishop

* Iberi. † Formiæ.

and confessor. At Aberdine, in Scotland,* of S. Bean, bishop. At Gaza, in Palestine, of S. Irenion, bishop.

A *The Seventeenth Day.*

At Eleutherople, in Palestine, of the holy martyrs Flavian, Calanicus, and fifty-eight, their companions, who in the time of Heraclius, emperor, were slain by the Saracens for the faith of Christ. At Marseille,† in France, of S. Lazarus, bishop, whom our Lord is said in the Gospel to have raised from death. At Bigard, near Bruxels, of S. Vivina, virgin, whose great sanctity is testified by her many miracles. At Constantinople, of S. Olympiades, widow. At Andan, at the Seven Churches, of S. Begga, widow, sister to S. Gertrude. The same day, the translation of S. Ignatius, bishop and martyr, who the third after S. Peter the apostle, governed the Church of Antioch: his body being brought from Rome, where he suffered in the persecution of Trajan, to Antioch, was there buried in the church-yard of the church without the gate of Daphnis: in which solemnity S. John Chrysostom made a sermon to the people: but afterwards his relics were again translated to Rome, and with great honour and veneration placed in the church of S. Clement, together with the body of that most blessed pope and martyr.

* Hibernia. † Massilia.

B *The Eighteenth Day.*

At Philippi, in Macedonia, the birth-day of the holy martyrs Rufus and Zosimus, two of the number of those disciples by whom the primitive Church was founded amongst the Jews and Grecians; of whose happy martyrdom S. Polycarp writes in an epistle to the Philippians. At Laodicea, in Syria, the passion of the Saints Theotimus and Basilian. In Africa, of the holy martyrs Quinctus, Simplicius, and others, who suffered in the persecution of Decius and Valerian. There also, of S. Moysetes, martyr. Also in Africa, of the holy martyrs Victurus, Victor, Victorinus, Adjutor, Quartus, and thirty others. At Mopsuestia, in Cilicia, of S. Auxentius, bishop, who having been sometimes a soldier, under Licinius, emperor, chose rather to cast off his military cincture, than to offer grapes to Bacchus: and being afterwards ordained bishop, renowned for merits, reposed in peace. At Tours,* of S. Gratian, bishop, who being ordained the first bishop of that city by S. Fabian, pope, famous for many miracles, rested in our Lord.

C *The Nineteenth Day.*

At Alexandria, in Egypt, of S. Nemesius, martyr, who through calumniation being presented to the judge as a thief, and absolved from that crime,

* Turones.

was shortly after, in the persecution of Decius, accused to Æmilian the judge for a Christian; by whom having been often cruelly tormented, he was commanded to be burned with thieves, herein resembling our Blessed Saviour, who together with thieves was crucified. At Nice, of the Saints Darius, Zosimus, Paul, and Secundus, martyrs. At Nicomedia, of the holy martyrs Cyriacus, Paulillus, Secundus, Anastasius, Syndimius, and their companions. In Mauritania, of S. Timothy, deacon, who after most cruel imprisonment, being cast into the fire for the faith of Christ, accomplished his martyrdom. At Gaza, in Palestine, the passion of the Saints Meuris and Thea. At Auxerre,* of S. Gregory, bishop and confessor. At Orleans, of S. Adjutus, abbot, famous for the spirit of prophecy. At Rome, of S. Fausta, mother of S. Anastasia, renowned for her noble birth and piety.

D *The Twentieth Day.*

The vigil of S. Thomas, apostle. At Rome, of the holy martyrs Liberatus and Bajulus. At Alexandria, of the holy martyrs Ammon, Zeno, Ptolomey, Ingenes, and Theophilus, soldiers, who being present at the torments of a certain Christian, and seeing him afraid, and even ready to deny his faith, endeavouring with their looks and gestures to encourage him, were exclaimed against by the people: wherefore, coming forth into the

* Antisiodorum.

midst, they openly declared themselves to be Christians; and Christ, who gave them that courage and constancy, triumphed most gloriously by their victory. At Gelduba, of S. Julius, martyr. In Arabia, of the holy martyrs Eugenius and Macarius, priests, who by Julian the apostate, for reprehending his impiety, being first most cruelly beaten, and then banished into a vast wilderness, were finally beheaded. At Antioch, the birth-day of S. Philogonius, bishop, who of an advocate being called by God to govern that Church, did, together with S. Alexander, bishop, and their companions, first enter into combat for the Catholic faith against Arius, and renowned for miracles, reposed in our Lord: whose yearly festivity S. John Chrysostom did use to celebrate, with an excellent sermon in praise of his virtues. At Brescia,* of S. Dominick, bishop and confessor.

E *The One-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Calamina, the birth-day of S. Thomas, apostle, who having preached the Gospel to the Parthians, Medes, Persians, and Hyrcans, went at length into India, where, when he had instructed that people in the Christian faith, being by the king's command thrust through the body with lances, he died. His relics were first brought to the city of Edessa, and afterwards translated to Ortona. In Tuscany, of the holy martyrs John and Festus. In Lycia, of S. Themistocles, mar-

* Brixia.

tyr, who under Decius, emperor, offering himself to the persecutors in the place of Dioscorus, who was sought for to be put to death, being racked upon the torture *Equuleus*, dragged about, and beaten with cudgels, obtained the crown of martyrdom. At Nicomedia, of S. Glycerius, priest, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, being many ways tormented, at length, cast into the fire, ended his martyrdom. At Antioch, of S. Anastasius, bishop and martyr, who in the time of Phocas, emperor, was most barbarously slain by the Jews. At Trevers, of S. Severin, bishop and confessor.

F *The Two-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Rome, in the way Lavicana, betwixt the two Bay-trees, the birth-day of thirty holy martyrs, who all on one day were crowned with martyrdom, in the persecution of Dioclesian. At the same place, of S. Flavian, who having been some time governor of the city, was by Julian the apostate first ignominiously marked in the face for Christ, and then banished to the waters called Taurinæ, where in prayer he gave up his soul to God. At Ostia, of the holy martyrs Demetrius, Honoratus, and Florus. At Alexandria, of S. Ischyrion, martyr, who for refusing to sacrifice unto idols, after many injuries and reproaches, being thrust through the bowels with a sharp stake, ended his martyrdom. In Egypt, of S. Chæremon, bishop of Nilople, and very many

other martyrs; of whom some, in the persecution of Decius, being dispersed abroad by flight, and wandering in the wilderness, were slain by wild beasts; others, consumed with famine, cold, and sickness—others, killed by barbarous people and thieves—were crowned with the glory of martyrdom. At Nicomedia, of S. Zeno, a soldier, who deriding Dioclesian the emperor for sacrificing unto Ceres, having his jaw-bones broken, and his teeth struck out, was finally beheaded.

G *The Three-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Rome, of S. Victoria, virgin and martyr, who in the persecution of Decius, emperor, being betrothed to Eugenius, an infidel, whom she would neither marry, nor sacrifice unto idols, after she had wrought many miracles, by which she gathered many virgins to God, was at the request of her spouse, by the executioner struck through the heart with a sword. At Nicomedia, the birth-day of twenty holy martyrs, whom the persecution of Dioclesian, after most grievous torments, made martyrs of Christ. In the same place, the passion of the Saints Migdonius and Mardonius, in the same persecution, of whom one was burned, and the other, thrown into a pit, died. At which time also suffered a deacon of S. Anthimus, bishop of Nicomedia, who as he carried letters to the martyrs, being apprehended by the Gentiles, and stoned, departed to our Lord. In

Candia,* of the holy martyrs Theodulus, Saturninus, Euporus, Gelasius, Eunician, Zeticus, Cleomenes, Agathopus, Basilides, and Evaristus, who in the persecution of Decius, after cruel torments, were beheaded. At Rome, of S. Servulus, of whom S. Gregory, pope, writes, that from his tender years until the end of his life, lying sick of the palsy in a porch near to S. Clement's church, at length invited by the harmony of angels, he went thence to the glory of Paradise: at whose sepulchre it pleased God to work often miracles.

A *The Four-and-Twentieth Day.*

The vigil of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. At Antioch, the birth-day of forty holy virgins, who in the persecution of Decius ended their martyrdom by divers kinds of torments. At Spoleto, of S. Gregory, priest and martyr, who in the time of Dioclesian and Maximian, emperors, being first beaten with knotted cudgels, and then after the gridiron and imprisonment, having his knees struck with iron cards, and his sides scorched with burning lamps, was finally beheaded. At Tripolis, of the holy martyrs Lucian, Matrobius, Paul, Zenobius, Theotimus, and Drusus. At Nicomedia, of S. Euthymius, martyr, who in the persecution of Dioclesian, having sent many before him to martyrdom, being thrust through with a sword, followed them himself to

* Creta.

the same crown. At Bourdeaux,* of S. Delphin, bishop, who in the time of Theodosius was famous for sanctity. At Rome, the birth-day of S. Tharsilla, virgin, aunt to S. Gregory, pope, of whom he writes, that in the hour of her death she saw Jesus coming to her. At Trevers, of S. Irmina, virgin, daughter to king Dagobert.

B *The Five-and-Twentieth Day.*

In the year from the creation of the world, when in the beginning God created heaven and earth, five thousand one hundred and ninety-nine: from the flood of Noe two thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven: from the nativity of Abraham, two thousand and fifteen: from Moses, and the coming forth of the people of Israel out of Egypt, one thousand five hundred and ten: from the anointing of David, king, one thousand and thirty-two: in the sixty-fifth week according to the prophecy of Daniel: in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad: in the year from the building of the city of Rome, seven hundred and fifty-two: in the two-and-fortieth year of the empire of Octavian Augustus, when the whole world was in peace, in the sixth age thereof, Jesus Christ, eternal God, and Son of the eternal Father, intending to sanctify the world with his most blessed Presence, having been conceived of the Holy Ghost, and nine months being past after his

* Burdigala

Conception, is made man, born in Bethlehem Judæa, of the Virgin Mary. The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to the flesh. The same day, the festivity of S. Anastasia, who under Dioclesian, emperor, having first suffered a harsh and rigorous restraint by her husband Publius, (in which nevertheless she was greatly comforted and encouraged by S. Chrysogonus, a confessor of Christ,) and afterwards by Florus, president of Sclavonia, starved with a long imprisonment, at length, having her hands and feet stretched out, she was tied to stakes, and a fire kindled about her, in which she accomplished her martyrdom, in the island of Palmaria, whither she had been carried, with two hundred men, and seventy women, who by divers kinds of death ended their martyrdom. At Barcelona, in Spain, the birthday of S. Peter Nolasco, confessor, founder of the order of Blessed Mary of the Reward for Redeeming of Captives, famous for virtues and miracles. At Rome, in the church-yard of Apronian, of S. Eugenia, virgin, who in the time of Gallienus, emperor, after she had wrought many miracles, and gathered together many holy virgins to the service of Christ, having suffered much under Nicetius, governor of the city, was finally run through the throat with a sword. At Nicomedia, the passion of many thousand martyrs, who when upon the day of our Lord's nativity they were assembled together in the church to hear mass, Dioclesian the emperor commanded the church doors to be shut, and a fire to be made

round about it, as also a vessel with incense to be placed before the doors, and the common crier to proclaim with a loud voice, that such as would escape burning, should go forth and offer incense to Jupiter; and when they all with one voice answered, that they would rather and more willingly die for Christ, the fire being kindled, they were all burned, and deserved to be born in heaven the same day that Christ vouchsafed to be born in earth for the salvation of the world.

C *The Six-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Jerusalem, the birth-day of S. Stephen, the first martyr, who was there stoned to death by the Jews, not long after the ascension of our Lord. At Rome, of S. Marinus, a senator, who under Numerian, emperor, and Marcian, governor, being apprehended for the Christian faith, and after a base manner racked upon the torture *Equuleus*, and torn with iron claws, then cast into a frying-pan, but the fire turning into dew, and he delivered, thrown also unto wild beasts, but nothing hurt by them, at length brought again unto the altar of the idols, which by his prayers falling to the ground, being there beheaded, he obtained the palm of martyrdom. Also at Rome, in the way Appia, the deposition of S. Denys, pope, who having sustained many labours for the Church, was much renowned for his documents in matters of faith. There also, of S. Zosimus, pope and

confessor. In Mesopotamia, of S. Archelaus, bishop, famous for learning and holiness of life. At Maluma, of S. Zeno, bishop. At Rome, of S. Theodore, mansionary of the church of S. Peter, of whom S. Gregory, pope, makes mention.

D *The Seven-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Ephesus, the birth-day of S. John, the apostle and evangelist, who, after the writing of his gospel, and after he had been sent into banishment, and after the writing of the divine apocalypse, down to the time of the emperor Trajan, he founded and governed the churches of all Asia, and then worn out by old age, he died in the sixty-eighth year after the passion of our Lord, and was buried near the same city. At Alexandria, the birth-day of S. Maximus, bishop, who was rendered illustrious and renowned by his confession of the faith. At Constantinople, of Saints Theodorus and Theophanes, brothers, who, having been brought up in the monastery of S. Sabbas in angelic purity, when afterwards, on account of their defence of holy images against the strenuous decrees of Leo Armenius, they were first whipped, and then sent into exile; but Leo being dead, and Theophilus being emperor, and he being a man filled with the same impiety, and the saints still resisting, again they suffered stripes, and were driven into exile, where Theodorus expired in a dungeon; but Theophanes,

peace having been again restored to the church, having become bishop of Nice, reposed happily in the Lord. On the same day, S. Niceras, virgin, who in the reign of the emperor Arcadius, flourished in sanctity.

E *The Eight-and-Twentieth day.*

In Bethlehem, of Juda, the birth-day of the holy Innocents, who were put to death for Christ by king Herod. At Ancyra, in Galatia, of the holy martyrs, Eutychius, priest, and Domitianus, deacon. In Africa, of the holy martyrs, Castor, Victor, and Rogatianus. In Nicomedia, of the holy martyrs, Indus, an eunuch, Domna, Agapes, and Theophila, virgins, with their companions, who, during the persecution of Diocletian, after long combats, by various modes of death, obtained the crown of martyrdom. At Neocæsarea, in Pontus, of S. Troadius, martyr, who flourished during the persecution of Decius, and to whom, when in his agony, S. Gregory Thaumaturgus appeared in spirit, and strengthened him to undergo his martyrdom. At Ambrissus, in Lower Armenia, S. Cæsarius, martyr, who suffered under Galerius Maximianus. At Lyons, in Gaul, S. Francis de Sales, bishop of Geneva, who on account of his most burning zeal for the conversion of heretics, was numbered among the saints by Alexander the Seventh. His festival, by command of the same pope, is kept on the fourth of

the kalends of February, on which day his body was translated to Annecy. At Rome, S. Domniæ, priest. In Egypt, S. Theodorus, monk, a disciple of S. Pachomius. In the monastery of Lirinensis, S. Antonius, monk, renowned for his miracles.

F *The Nine-and-Twentieth Day.*

At Canterbury, in England, the birth-day of S. Thomas, bishop and martyr, who, by reason of the defence of justice, and the liberty of the church, by the faction of impious men, being struck by a sword in his own cathedral, went to heaven. At Jerusalem, S. David, king and prophet. At Arles, S. Grophimius, of whom mention is made by S. Paul, writing to S. Timothy, who, having been consecrated bishop by the same apostle, was the first sent to preach the gospel of Christ in the fore-named city, from the fountain of whose preaching, (as S. Zosimus, pope, writes,) all France received the streams of the faith. At Rome, the holy martyrs, Callistus, Felix, and Bonifacius. In Africa, the passion of the holy martyrs, Dominicus, Victor, Primianus, Lybosus, Saturninus, Crescentius, Secundus, and Honoratus. At Vienna, in France, S. Crescens, disciple of the holy apostle Paul, and the first bishop of that city. At Constantinople, S. Marcellus, abbot. In the territory of Hiesmes, S. Ebrulphus, abbot and confessor, who flourished in the reign of king Childebertus.

G *The Thirtieth Day.*

At Spoleto, the birth-day of the holy martyrs, Sabinus, bishop, Exuperantius, and Marcellus, deacons, and Venustianus, president, with his wife and children, who suffered under the emperor, Maximianus, of whom, Marcellus and Exuperantius, having been first suspended from an instrument of torture, and then having been cruelly beaten with cudgels, and afterwards having been torn by iron claws, and having had their sides broiled, completed their glorious martyrdom; but not long afterwards, Venustianus, with his wife and children, were put to death by the sword; but S. Sabinus, after having his hands cut off, and after being worn out by a protracted imprisonment, was cruelly put to death. Although these martyrs suffered death on different days, their festival is observed on the same day. At Alexandria, the holy martyrs, Mansuétus, Sevérus, Appiànus, Donatus, Honorius, and their companions. At Thessalonica, S. Anysia, martyr. At the same place, S. Anysius, bishop of that city. At Milan, S. Eugenius, bishop and confessor. At Ravenna, S. Liberius, bishop. At Aquila, in the Abbruzzi, S. Rainerius, bishop.

A *The One-and-Thirtieth Day.*

At Rome, the feast day of S. Silvester, pope, who baptized the emperor Constantine the Great, and confirmed the synod of Nice, and having

most holily performed many other things, died in peace. Also, at Rome, in the Via Salaria, in the cemetery of Priscilla, the holy martyrs, Donata, Paulina, Rustica, Nominanda, Serotina, Hilaria, and their companions. At Sens, the blessed Sabinianus, bishop, and Potentianus, who, having been sent by the Roman pontiff to preach the gospel in that place, rendered that metropolis illustrious by their martyrdom. At the same place, S. Columba, virgin and martyr, who, having overcome the fire by which she was tortured during the persecution of the emperor Aurelianus, was beheaded. At Rhætiaria, S. Hermes, exorcist. At Catania, in Sicily, the passion of saints Stephanus, Pontianus, Attalus, Fabianus, Cornelius, Sextus, Florus, Quinctianus, Minervinus, and Simplicianus. On the same day, S. Zoticus, a priest of Rome, who, having gone to Constantinople, took upon himself the care of bringing up orphans. At Ravenna, S. Barbatianus, priest and confessor. On the same day, S. Melania, the younger, who, with her husband, Pinianus, going from Rome, and proceeding to Jerusalem, she, amongst the women dedicated to God, he amongst the monks, led each a religious life, and they both died in the odour of sanctity.

P. And in other places, of many other holy martyrs, and confessors, and holy virgins.

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